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MOM...GUESS WHAT!

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CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES AT the River City Democratic Club Forum on June 19. District 1: (from left) Heather Fargo, Ray Tretheway, Kate Karpilow, Mark Murray, Dave Shore (behind Murray), and District 3: Larry Augusta and Bruce Pomer.

RCDC Hosts Hopefuls

The River City Democratic Club held its city council candidates forum on Monday, June 19, at the Lambda Community Center. The event featured candidates from the contested races in Districts 1 and 3. Incumbents Joe Serna, Jr. and Terry Kastanis in Districts 5 and 7, respectively, are running unopposed for re-election.

All candidates who were invited to speak attended the meeting. In District 1, they included Heather Fargo, Kate Karpilow, Mark Murray, Ray Tretheway, and incumbent David Shore. For the District 3 race, candidates Larry Augusta and Bruce Pomer spoke. Each aspirant had ten minutes to outline his or her campaign platform before a lengthy question and answer period.

Heather Fargo spoke first. She cited her role as a neighborhood negotiator in the North and South Natomas settlement talks as evidence of her position as an advocate for neighborhoods and citizens and as a basis for her campaign. She rated civil rights protections under the proposed city-county consolidation as a priority issue as well as the appointment of lesbians and gays to city boards and commissions.

David Shore provided a long list of qualifications. He said he had promised to sponsor a gay rights ordinance when he first ran for the city council in 1981 and followed through on that pledge. He stated that lesbians and gays need to continue progress. As a next step he suggested a lesbian or gay candidate in the first district in four years and looked to the day when the president of the Chamber of Commerce would be lesbian or gay.

Kate Karpilow cited her involvement in the Democratic Party and her leadership in the women's community as important experiences. She stated the importance that communities hold elected officials accountable. "So here are my two pro-

mises," she said, and advocated a domestic partners law for Sacramento based on the San Francisco model and a formal Mayor's Task Force on lesbian and gay issues to address the police chief's position on needle exchange, hate crimes, and the adequacy of county social services for people with AIDS.

Candidate Mark Murray warned that "Sacramento...needs more than just another politically correct vote on the council." He rated his most important experiences in government to be efforts as student body president of Humboldt State University to secure child care facilities for the students in the CSU system and his work as a lobbyist for Californians Against Waste. Murray stands in opposition to the city-county merger, calling it "a big mistake." He supports vigorous enforcement of the gay rights ordinance and spousal benefits for all city employees.

The final contender to speak in the District 1 race was Ray Tretheway. He reflected on his role as an organizer of the Natomas Community Association as the spirit of his campaign. Tretheway stated that specific concerns of lesbian and gay people "wasn't something that came into my mind." But he said that he believed in a vision of all elements of the community empowering themselves together. His priorities are greater citizen involvement in city planning — he considered some city councilmembers treatment of women abusive. He is also for retention of the city manager system of government.

The two candidates in the 3rd District race then spoke. Bruce Pomer cited his experience as a deputy director of the state Department of Health Services and his work for the last six years as lobbyist for the Health Officers Association of California. He recounted his efforts in favor of AIDS non-discrimination and health care legislation at the state level.

Pomer spoke of his public denunciation of anti-lesbian/gay remarks by candidate Ross Releis during the 1987 mayoral race. "I think it's extremely important that nobody gets away with that kind of discrimination," declared Pomer. He stressed the importance of beating back discrimination, the need for more lesbians and gays on city boards and commissions, and strengthening local gay-oriented organizations.

The final candidate to speak was Larry Augusta. He noted his years on the Planning Commission from 1974 to 1986 as an important experience. Augusta also called himself an "active Democrat" for his work on the campaigns of female officials such as Illa Collin, Lynn Robie, Lyla Ferris, and Anne Rudin.

Augusta said he's for expanding the arts in Sacramento and retaining the neighborhood character of downtown streets. He said that he believed in lesbian/gay rights and hopes that lesbians and gays continue to move into the mainstream. He said he would lend his name to lesbian and gay candidates for office and would also stand in favor of appointing lesbians and gays to city boards and commissions. ■

K-WOD A Fine Mess!

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

June 13 was a very bad day for a Sacramento disc jockey. His girlfriend took off with somebody named Bruce, he lost his car, and he made Everett Denman mad as hell.

Denman, 30, was on his way home from work and was listening to KWOD-106 when he began hearing the words, "faggot" and "limp-wristed queer." He also alleges that the disc jockey encouraged listeners to call in and engage in what he terms "verbal gay-bashing." In spite of the fact that Denman says he is not a political person, he has galvanized a great deal of response to protest what he terms bigoted behavior. "In spite of telephone calls from various people and my own calls," he said, "the station kept telling everyone that they were the first one to call in about the issue. They have not returned any of my phone calls to them so I had no recourse except to take other action."

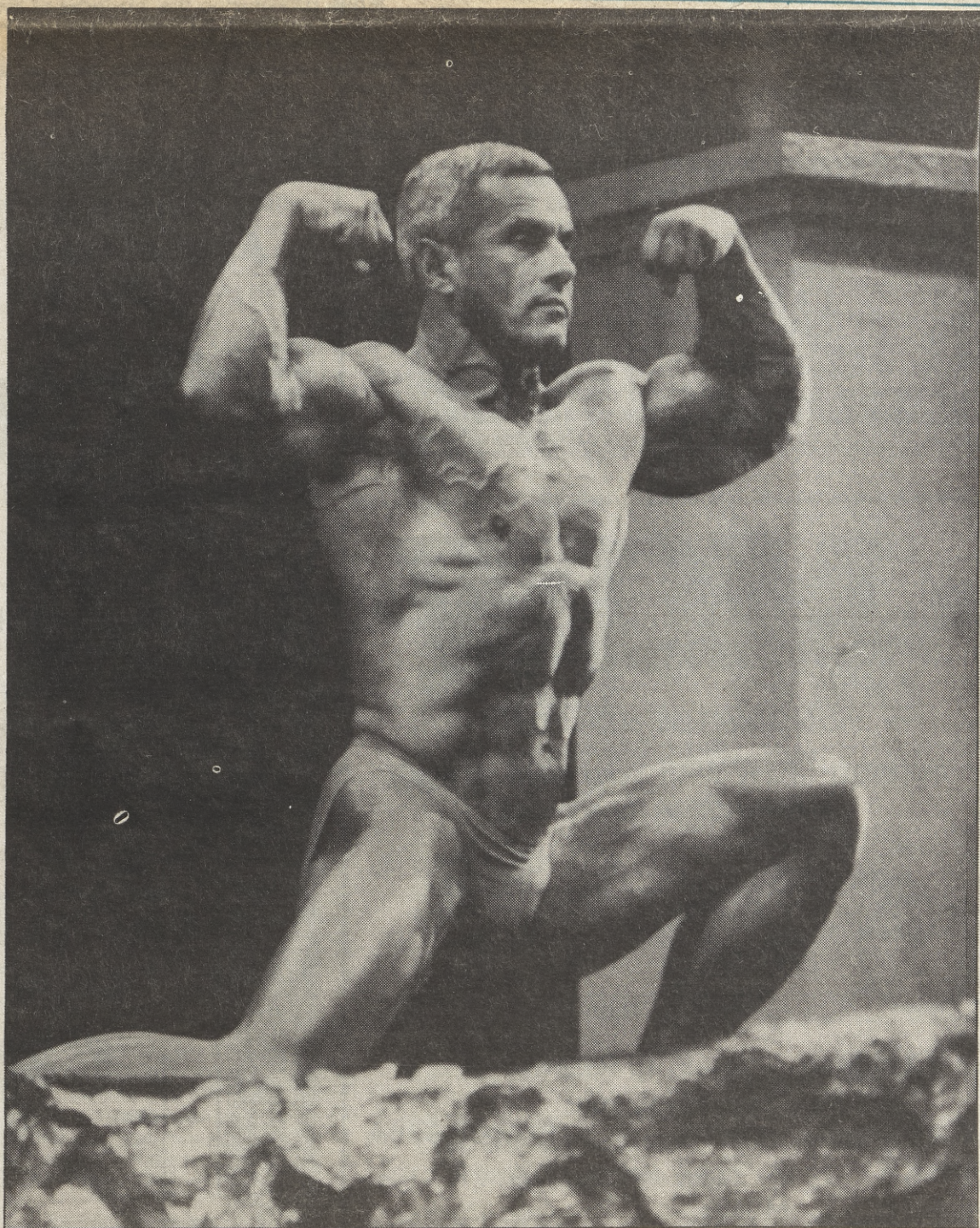
Denman's "other action" was to file a complaint with Sacramento's Human Rights Commission; to organize a peti-

tion drive which has collected hundreds of signatures, many of them from the "straight" community; launch a letter-writing campaign to 106's advertisers explaining a planned boycott, and create a list of acceptable options in the event that 106 chooses to meet and negotiate an acceptable apology. A number of prominent people in the community have written letters to the station deploring the incident and attorney Carolyn Langenkamp was interviewed on KFBK's Lee Nichols' show, kicking off an afternoon of discussion about the issue.

According to the Human Rights Commission's executive director, Randy Shiroy, the station finally made contact with his office on June 28 and the program director, Jeff Hunter, confirmed that the disc jockey, Pat Garrett, had indeed made the on-air slurs. A tentative date, July 7, has been set for a meeting at which Shiroy and his staff will mediate.

Denman said that he will continue with his letters about boycott efforts until after the meeting has taken place.

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San Francisco Body Building Competition.
(See Centerfold.)

Photo by Jim Quast

Some People Have No Sense of Humor!

Editor:

In response to Paul T.'s letter, "Gays On Gays: Where's the Support," I first would like to give credit to Paul T. for showing the courage to defend his friend, Linda Birner, secondly, in assessing he has no sense of humor. I like a man who can publicly state his shortcomings. However, I really cannot admire anyone who does not understand satire, and it is obvious that Mr. T. does not. Satire requires a quick and intelligent mind to appreciate, and if you don't have one, what can I say, Mr. T.? Jonathan Swift satirized the yahoos of his generation, I satirize the cowdikes of my generation.

"Return of Cowdikes at the Lavender Corral" is not about a bunch of dingbats or Linda Birner for that matter. The play's characters are the authors' vehicles to convey moral messages. Our play is a biting and irreverent exposé of an apathetic town which once knew the meaning of activism. One does not need to be gay to understand that these stock characters: the town drunk, the saloon gal, the newspaper publisher, the villainous mayoral candidate, the slick country western dancer, the archetypal woman who is rabid towards other women because she has been too broken, too bitter, too burned to ever love again all have lessons to learn. Those lessons are to be ever vigilant of government officials and to remain in therapy to recover from any and all additions (not bad messages for those rooted in the 80s). We also wanted to poke fun at those who take themselves so seriously (sorry we didn't discover you earlier, Mr. T., or else we could have included you as well).

Mr. T. is concerned that some of the straight paying audience were left in the dark because the innuendos and private jokes would only be known to the gay "in crowd." Allow me to pose the question, how many audience members after seeing a Shakespearean play really understand the social, historical, and literary contexts of the work, or let alone the language for that matter, but still leave with an appreciation with the play in general? Heaven forbid if there are any paying non-Elizabethan English-speaking persons in the theatre. My point is "Return of Cowdikes" can stand on its own as a story which entertains, even if all the political and social intrigue is obscure to heterosexuals or the gay "out crowd." It is interesting to note that a Bee photographer attended the last performance and said he laughed so hard he could hardly take photographs. Perhaps Mr. T. should give more credit to paying heterosexual audience members for being more on the ball than he suspects.

Somehow Mr. T. got stuck in the Age of Aquarius and is whining because everyone isn't fair, honest, responsible, sisterly or in Mr. T.'s case, brotherly. And we really should be because we all are gay, aren't we? And shouldn't we all be the same? This is such infantile thinking. We are no more alike than our heterosexual counterparts. There are still some of us mavericks running around who feel nothing is more sacred than humor, and of course, the humorous individual.

Mr. T. also feels we, the authors, are a threat to winning the fight for equality because we have allegedly lashed out at one who has been on the front lines and in the trenches for years. The sad part about Mr. T.'s letter is that he has no sense of gay Sacramento history or else he would know that Le Theatre Lesbien was in the trenches and on the front lines long before there was a "Mom, Guess What?" My job as a lesbian satirist is to give an enema to those seriously constipated with themselves. As far as what straights think about us as gay persons won't concern me until straights are concerned about what we think about them (I won't hold my breath). Robin Tyler once put it this way, "If I have offended anyone, then you needed it." I think I'll let our summa cum laude heroine from Cal Berkeley, Pat Pitts, conclude this letter by quoting, "Lord, what fools these mortals be (aside) Shakespeare."

Cheri Gordon

Reach Out...You're Not Alone!

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter because I feel the need to reach out to others and to insure myself that I am not alone. I read newspapers daily and I read many wonderful stories, and some not so wonderful. I cannot recall ever reading a story on a disease called Lupus Erythematosus. In these times, when AIDS, cancer, leukemia and other well known diseases are prevalent in our society, it is easy to forget about other dangerous and life-threatening diseases such as LE, which is not an isolated disease. However, if the public is not aware of its existence, it can make a person with this disease feel very isolated.

Let me start by telling you about LE (which means "reddish wolf" because of a butterfly-like rash that sometimes appears on the bridge of the nose and around the cheeks, which is similar to the ravages of a wolf bite). LE usually appears in one of two forms: discoid (skin surface) or systemic (all through the body). Scientists and doctors believe a patient develops antibodies against her or his own body tissue, as if being vaccinated against oneself.

Seven out of 10 patients with LE are women; approximately 1,000,000 people in the United States have LE; 50,000 new cases of LE are diagnosed yearly; and, at least 5,000 people die of LE complications yearly. There is no known cure for LE. It is not infectious, contagious, cancerous or malignant.

I am a 32-year-old female, single, and appear to be very healthy. I was diagnosed as having DLE at the age of 18; it was controlled by skin ointments and periodical injections of cortisones. I've been in remission for many years, and I was re-diagnosed as having SLE, which is classified as a chronic Rheumatic disease similar to Rheumatoid arthritis, an inflammatory disease of the connective tissues.

I have been disabled now for many months due to painful inflammation of my joints, ankles, knees, hands, wrists, elbows, shoulders and feet. I've held jobs in retail sales and those jobs require a lot of walking, standing for long periods, using arms and hands freely, which at this time is difficult and painful and as a result I was fired from my job. I've been spending a lot of time alone and in bed. My doctors are very knowledgeable in this field and I have total confidence in their judgments. My roommate has been my "rock." My family keeps in touch when they can. I've lost touch with my friends.

If there is anything positive that I have gained from this mess it is that I have become closer to my Father in Heaven.

If anyone else has any disabling condition, either temporary or permanent, and you can't move like you used to, but you want to, and you have to depend on others for things that you've always done for yourself, or cried because the pain, both physical and emotional, is unbearable and the road to recovery is a long one, do not worry because you are not alone! Take it to the Lord in prayer.

If you want more information on Lupus, or you want a friend to write to, write me at 6 Sumo Court, Sacramento CA 95828.

Sincerely,
Lonely, but not alone,
A.M. Peralta

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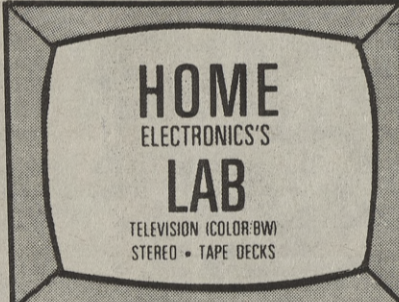
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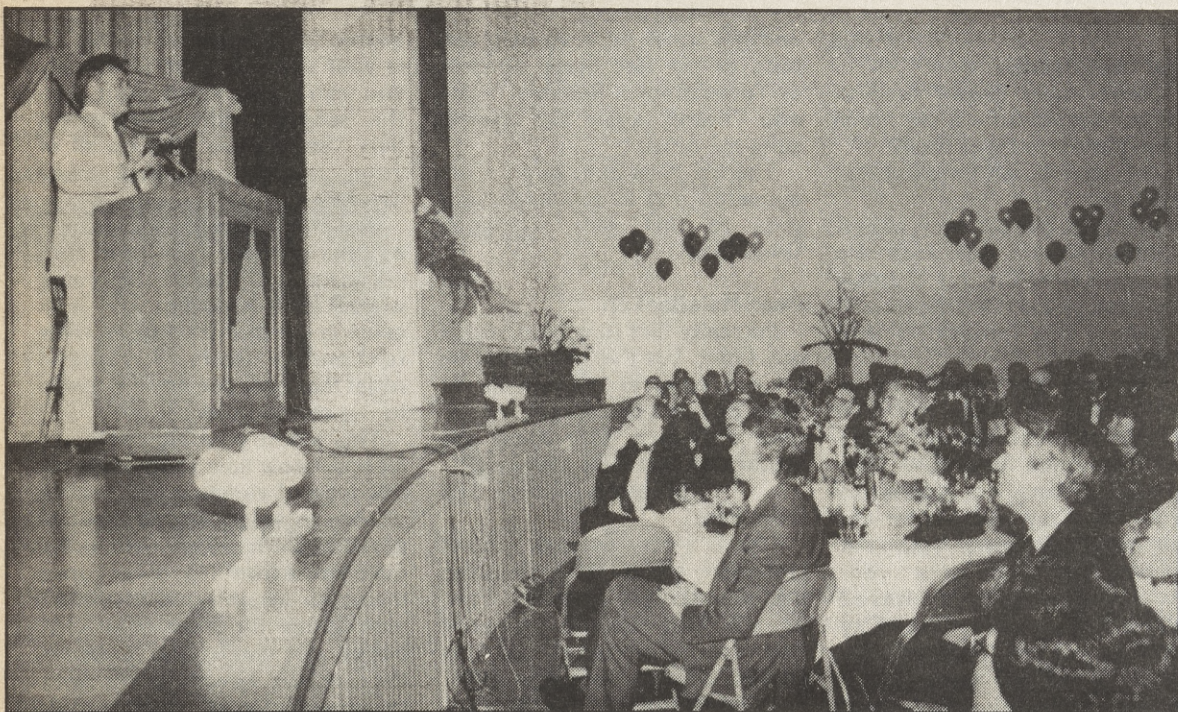


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CONGRESSPERSON BARNEY FRANK (D-MASS.) (at podium) addressed a rapt audience at the June CAP-PAC dinner at Sacramento's Tuesday Club. Sacramento Congressperson Robert Matsui is at lower right.

'Hate Crimes' Unit Proposed

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

Concerned by the fire-bombing earlier in May of Beth Shalom Synagogue and the desecration of San Francisco's Holocaust memorial, as well as a recent neo-Nazi skinhead attack in Los Angeles against an Iranian couple who were believed by attackers to be Jewish, Supervisors Doris Ward and Angela Alioto have called for a special "hate crimes" unit within the city Police Department.

Citing recent skinhead vandalism in the city and the assault in Los Angeles, Ward said such crimes "are serious problems in our community."

In addition to the vandalism, Ward also said, "We know skinheads have attacked gays, and the same with Chinese,

Black and Hispanic communities. These things happen every day. It's not going to change and go away at all."

Figures collected by Community United Against Violence support Ward's assertion. Anti-lesbian/gay incidents reported to CUAV between 1985 and 1988 have consistently hovered around 200 a year. Lester Olmstead-Rose, spokesman for CUAV, points out that these figures are "only the tip of the iceberg" because many such incidents never get reported to them.

Olmstead-Rose also said CUAV was "happy Supervisors Ward and Alioto are interested in the issue of hate crimes" but feels a more comprehensive approach to the problem is needed. "The police department isn't perfect; it needs to improve," Olmstead-Rose said. "However,

the police have made significant improvements in their handling of hate crimes over the years we've worked with them."

What Olmstead-Rose and CUAV would like to see is a broader program which would encompass educational programs on hate crimes in schools and in communities, greater involvement of social service agencies, as well as continuing improvements in police handling of the problem.

The Police Department has given the proposal a cool reception at best. Police spokesman, Sgt. Jerry Senkir, noted that all city police officers receive special training in cases involving what the department calls "prejudice-based" crimes. Senkir said, "I don't want to reject this out of hand, but I think we have state of the art (crime fighting) right now." ■

Sonoma Supes Sink Lesbians/Gays

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

After a tense, often emotional two-hour meeting of Sonoma County's supervisors here June 6, the board again rejected by a 4-1 margin the request of lesbians and gays in this largely rural county to proclaim June 18 through 24 as Les-

bian/Gay Pride Week. Similar resolutions over the past three years have met with defeat before the supervisors.

Despite the strong support shown for the resolution by Sonoma's growing lesbian/gay community — some 35 people spoke in its favor with nearly 200 supporters in the audience — and despite the lack of any concerted opposition — only three

people testified against the measure — the board nevertheless resisted any move at

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Who'll Ask The Questions?

- In a recently released report the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force stated that 7,248 incidents of violence against lesbians and gays, ranging from harassment to homicide, were documented in 1988. AIDS-related incidents increased in 1988, 17 percent of the those reported indicate that hatred and blame associated with the disease continues unabated.
- A blatant incident of verbal "gay bashing" by a local disc-jockey is currently under investigation by the Human Rights Commission and this newspaper as well as other organizations.
- The proposed City/County merger can wipe out the human rights and anti-discrimination ordinances which benefited lesbian and gays in the City of Sacramento.
- A growing number of gay youngsters are being abused and/or pushed out of their family homes because of their sexual orientation and are in need of gay foster homes. Currently there is one lesbian couple which is licensed for foster care in Sacramento County.
- With the increasing number of lesbian and gay couples being impacted with health-related problems a clear, powerful, domestic partnership ordinance is badly needed so that such relationships will be legally recognized and respected, especially by bureaucracies and the healthcare system.

Most of these issues were not discussed with the candidates for Sacramento city council, five for District One and two for District Three, who attended a forum sponsored by the River City Democratic Club on June 19.

Clearly the candidates had prepared to answer questions which were never asked by the 37 men and four women who attended that meeting. Some of the candidates cursorily addressed the human rights and domestic partners issues indicating "support," but carefully avoided making unasked-for commitments. Some even supported the, again unasked for, concept of a gay city council candidate at "sometime" in the future.

Important issues such as the environment, ecology, garbage, development, growth, schools, senior citizens, housing, Black and Hispanic rights, the proposed city/county merger, traffic patterns and, endlessly, North Natomas were discussed. That's good. Those issues are of vital interest to all citizens.

However, for the most part it was a matter of easy questions begetting easy answers. Candidates were not asked for the kinds of answers for which they could be held accountable to the lesbian and gay community. They were not asked about their priorities. "Support" for a concept does not connote leadership in making it happen. "Support" does not mean sponsorship of an ordinance. "Support" does not mean accountability — it does not mean that one can be held to a time-line. Those questions need to be asked.

While recognizing that a one-agenda group is, by its very nature, self-limiting, every special interest group needs a primary agenda. Enlightened self-interest would seem to dictate that until we have our own candidates with our concerns and interests as their priorities we cannot simply hand over our votes and control of our future to those who are either unwilling or unable to commit themselves to our full participation and citizenship — to the full realization of our civil rights. Until then, we have to take responsibility for our own lives — ask the hard questions, hold their feet to the fire and, for God's sakes, play a little hard-to-get! ■

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MGW MAILBASKET

by Paul Starr
OF MGW STAFF

Dear MaleBasket:

I think I've finally met Mr. Right! We've dated a few times and I think this is the one. My problem is that I am a bit shy. How do I let him know that I care for him?

Sincerely, Timid

Dear Timid:

The answer to this one is the same whether you want to show Mr. Right that you want him to help you build a white picket fence and live happily ever after, or to show a friend that you care enough to be there for him whenever he needs you.

First, you need to gain his trust so he believes your feelings are sincere. This means be honest with him about the good things and the bad things — about everything.

Once you've gained his trust, be honest with yourself and tell him face-to-face that you care for him. Develop a list of reasons why you care for him and then share that list with him. I'd say something like; "You know Brad, I really like your sense of humor. Next to your warm, sexy smile, your sense of humor is what I like best about you. You know, I am

really starting to care for you. I can't resist your brown, bedroom eyes and your appreciation of John Waters' movies. I really would like to see more of you, get to know you better, and see what happens. What do you think?"

Good luck Timid, and invite me to the housewarming?

MB

Dear MaleBasket:

I really don't like how casually many gays take sex and I like to wait until I get to know someone before I go to bed with them, but I think I might be holding off too long and the guys I date lose interest in me. How long should I wait before I stop saying "no"?

Sincerely, Prudence

Dear Prudence:

You should wait as long as it takes for you to feel comfortable about having sex with someone. It will probably be different depending on the guy, your mood, and the opportunity for having sex (or maybe even making love).

There is absolutely nothing wrong with holding off until you get to know your friend and if he cannot accept this, look for another friend who will respect you as a person and as a friend, and not as a sex object. Above all, don't let the other guy pressure you into something that you do not want to do.

MB

Dear MaleBasket:

I have really grown tired of the bar scene. Where are some other places to meet men?

Sincerely, All Smoked Out

Dear ASO:

Men exist almost everywhere! It all depends on what kind of a guy you are looking for and how much risk you are willing to take in case you're coming on to a straight guy.

If all you are looking for is other places to find men who you can be relatively certain are gay, the back of MGW lists literally dozens of places to meet other gay men. What are your interests? Better yet, what interests do you want your future boyfriend to have? Politics? Try the River City Democratic Club. Softball? Try any of the softball teams. Looking for a social group that meets on a regular basis? Try Pillars or Our River City Family. The list goes on and on.

If you're looking for places with a little more intrigue and a little less certainty, try such landmarks as Java City (I prefer the original on Capitol Avenue), Rick's Dessert Diner, The Incredible Edible, the 10th Street Beach, the Safeway on Alhambra, or the K Street Mall (or any mall for that matter).

Into a lot of intrigue?? Try any large hardware store (play dumb

and get some hunk to help you out), or the Sac State campus, or Tower Books, Records, Video and Theater (again the original suits me best).

The list is as long as your imagination and as strong as your guts to flirt with strangers. Good luck.

MB

Dear MaleBasket:

I'd really like to go out with a guy I met, but I've heard that he hit his ex-lover from time to time. Should I just forget him, or take a chance that these are rumors or that he's changed?

Sincerely, Gentle Ben

Dear Ben:

This is a very delicate subject and there are a lot of variables that you need to consider. First of all, how reliable is your source of information. Did this person actually see your beau hurt his ex-lover or is this hearsay? Did the person who observed the act(s) of aggression correctly interpret what he saw? Maybe it was some horseplay that was misinterpreted and blown out of proportion. Do your homework.

It is obvious from your letter that you are concerned about his violent side. If I really liked this guy, I would make it a high priority to find out if he has changed. Talk confidentially to some of his long-time friends.

Quite possibly the best

source for clearing all of this up is your beau himself. Obviously you can't just jump right into the subject with a statement like, "So, do you beat up all of your friends or just your lovers?"

You might broach the subject by sharing with him your concern for a "friend" of yours whose lover hits him and it is causing a major fracture in their relationship (sorry, I couldn't resist the pun). See how he reacts to the conversation.

This will be your big chance to let him know how you feel about this type of violence and his big chance to volunteer his feelings about his own violent acts or his determination to overcome them. If he doesn't volunteer readily, ask him some questions, but be very careful and, to be on the safe side, keep it in reference to your "friend's" relationship and not yours.

The result of this conversation should give you enough information to help you decide whether it is worth the risk. Be careful that you know what you are getting yourself into, with this or any relationship, and have an escape route planned in case it becomes something beyond what you are comfortable with.

Questions or letters to the MaleBasket may be sent to MGW at 1725 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. ■

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2 p.m. — Mercantile vs. Buffalo Club; 21st & C streets. |
| July 16: | noon — Faces vs. Mercantile; 21st & C streets.
2 p.m. — Buffalo Club vs. Wreck Room; 21st & C streets. |
| July 23: | noon — Faces vs. Buffalo Club; 21st & C streets; pool party/river rafting?
2 p.m. — Wreck Room vs. Mercantile; 21st & C streets. |
| July 30: | Vancouver Tournament — 10th Year Team-Season-Long Fundraiser-Pitch-In! |
| August 6: | noon — Buffalo Club vs. Mercantile; 10th & P streets.
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| August 13: | noon — Mercantile vs. Faces; 21st & C streets.
2 p.m. — Wreck Room vs. Buffalo Club; 21st & C streets. |
| August 20: | noon — Buffalo Club vs. Faces; 21st & C streets; end-of-season party at Faces at 4 p.m.
2 p.m. — Mercantile vs. Wreck Room; 21st & C streets. |
| August 27: | time TBA — Championship Game (if needed); location TBA. |

Examiner Runs 'Gay In America' Series

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

The San Francisco Examiner published, June 4 through June 25, a 16-part series entitled "Gay in America" that represented perhaps the most extensive and comprehensive examination of the role of lesbians and gay men in American society ever undertaken by a daily newspaper in this country.

The series was under the general direction of Examiner managing editor, Frank McCulloch, and was edited by political editor Carol Ness. After nearly a year of research and work, involving over sixty Examiner staff journalists, a number of lesbian and gay non-staff writers, a national poll of lesbians and gay men in America, and a massive sifting through some 30,000 news library photos and 100,000 news clippings, several parts of the series were so large they were run as separate sections in the Sunday and daily papers.

The series began with an ex-

amination of "The Gay Movement," a national overview of the political impact of the lesbian/gay civil rights movement since Stonewall, and culminated with a special section on Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day (June 25), the city's largest event and the largest such celebration in the country. It also covered such topics as: "Gay Families," "Gay Teen-agers," "Gays in the Arts," "Violence," and "Religion."

Despite the general use of the word "gay," the series was in fact well balanced in its coverage of the role of lesbians in the movement. The most ambitious and costly task in the series was a two-part poll: the first part, a poll on the national attitudes among straights, as well as lesbians and gay men, toward our movement; and the second part, a benchmark national poll, exclusively among lesbians and gays in this country, about ourselves (June 6 and June 7).

The polls, conducted by the staff of Teichner Associates, involved over 27,000 phone interviews throughout the United States, including a nine-day

telephone search to locate an uncloseted lesbian or gay man in Kansas.

Examiner editor, Carol Ness, said there had been "some discussion" of compiling the entire series into a single book for possible future publication, but added, "Nothing's been decided yet. We're waiting to see what kind of interest there is in the series before we move on to that step." According to Ness, initial reaction to the series was good with Examiner street sales showing a more than 20 percent jump during the series.

The series commemorated the 20th anniversary of the rioting at New York's Stonewall Inn in 1969, generally regarded as the beginning of the modern lesbian/gay movement in America. ■

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MGW FLASH!

by John Batchelor
OF MGW STAFF

For phone numbers and details on events mentioned in this column, check the calendar and organization information in the paper.



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THE 1989 MEN'S SUMMER bowling league's participation is higher than in the past 10 years, and gets more popular each year: (left to right) Edmund Blagdon, Whitney Davis, John Feliz, and four-year veteran bowler, Ben Nicholson, represents two of the eight teams in the league.

Globe-trotting has always been a fantasy of mine. June gave me another opportunity to explore the East Coast, but I'm back in the west to check out the best that Sacramento has to offer. • The CAP-PAC event of late was a big, big success. The Sacramento Men's & Women's Choruses finally got the opportunity to sing together. The overflowing crowd included tons of politicians and Larry Hoover's daughter, Rachel, there were great skits and beautiful floral tables decorated by Kyeth Cameron. • Kudos to all those who attended and took part in the recent Lambda Freedom Fair. This year's Fair was absolutely outstanding with interesting booths, good food, and lots of people. • A get-away I'd love to attend again is Kalani Houna on the Big Island of Hawaii. The annual Gay-Bi-Lesbian Gathering is July 13 through July 17. Call 1-800-367-8047, Ext. 669. • The Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission published its "New Works Awards" recently. Some of the names that caught my eye were Richard Montoya for a one-act AIDS play, Jessica Williams and Joyce Diamond for an aural-visual work, and Russell Dunn for writing and producing a musical. It was a pleasure to see that the Sacramento Ballet also received an award. • Anti-lesbian/gay comments made by a local deejay were immediately addressed by callers from our community. As a result, the deejay changed his tone and remarks, thanks to you. • While the AIDS Walk, Sacramento is now history, AIDS Walk, San Francisco takes place July 23. Organizers expect 10,000 people to take part in the fundraiser for Bay Area AIDS organizations. • Stephen Crow is hosting a fundraiser for city council candidate Heather Fargo on July 8. Call 441-5788 for details. Other folks on the Fargo committee are Ed Condon, Frank Lawler and Yolonda Ortiz. • The Russian River goes wild July 21, 22 and 23 with Leather Weekend. As a coincidence, I'll be there with the bold and beautiful SMC. There will be arts and crafts, an Erotic Fantasy Masquerade and an Erotic Leather Fashion Show. • Congratulations to John Linder on his recent graduation. But John, those party invitations were atrocious! • Abloom with new restaurants, Sacramento will host Cafe Donatello of San Francisco fame. The restaurant is due to open in Town & Country Village Shopping Center.

In other "food" news, along with Nordstrom's (opening in October), Arden Fair is opening an upscale Gourmet Food Center near Corti Brothers. Anchoring the center will be San Francisco's Max's Opera Cafe, along with Reg Tomlinson's Sacramento catering business, Food for Thought. • Sacramento Parents FLAG's July 18 meeting will address the issue, "How Parents Respond to the Coming Out of Their Son or Daughter." A panel of parents will share their feelings. • One program that certainly gets my support is Project 10: Fairfax High School in Los Angeles. This organization helps teenagers struggling with being lesbian or gay. Pride at an early age is important for everyone. • Following San Francisco's lead, lesbian/gay activists at the University of California, Davis, drafted a proposal asking that housing, now reserved for married students, be opened to homosexual couples. • Along that same line, Sweden and, more recently, Denmark have legalized homosexual marriages. Hopefully the United States will follow suit. • And yet another note on marriages: two out-of-town friends came to visit me and in the process both met someone that they are dating back home. Is Sacramento the new "Love Connection?" • A friend went out in search of a water-based lubricant with nonoxynol-9. To his dismay he had great trouble locating it at

large and small drug stores. Our voices and dollars speak loudly — ask for it! • And on the bar scene...Paul Davis' Townhouse had a standing-room-only-grand-opening Sunday Brunch, prepared by the infamous Chef Pedro Verduzco. Absolutely outstanding! Pedro's restaurant is open daily for lunch and dinner. • Terry Sidie's Faces is having Women's Night on Wednesdays, and a Christmas In July Party! July 20 through July 23. • The Mercantile patio is open and Bingo is continuing throughout the summer. • The Wreck Room is batting hard to topple the Faces team...and the battle is on!! • The Buffalo Club has the "most improved" baseball team for the 1989 season.

Sacramento Area Career Women is having a Country Western Dance and BBQ, July 15 at noon. • Congratulations to Angela Curiale and Gloria Burt on winning awards at the YWCA Outstanding Women Awards! • A Pillars Pool Party is planned for July 7 at the Sierra Inn and a Bootnight is scheduled for July 21. • July birthday wishes to: David Granger, Judy Rieck, Susie, Mark Blagdon, Ben Nicholson, Chuck Miller and Carol Hull. • Mike Ward has opened his new fitness club, Fitness Connection on Truxel Road. Congratulations, Mike!! • Until August (how time flies)...keep busy, happy and proud....John



THE F.B.I. HAS REQUESTED assistance from the gay community in the apprehension of John Kelly Gentry, Jr. Gentry (above) is an alleged bisexual and is wanted for two counts of murder in Ohio and Michigan. He is likely to be armed and is considered dangerous. He is likely to be living in the lesbian/gay community. If anyone is aware of Gentry's whereabouts please contact F.B.I. Agent Brian L. Jones at 481-9110.

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THRILL SEEKERS FUN AMBASSADORS Suzanne Moreland (left) and Raeann Jones will be coordinating rafting, parties, and other events throughout the year for members of the lesbian/gay community. Cherie Gordon was recently crowned their Queen For A Day and won a bonanza of prizes. Call 454-6112 to check their summer agenda.



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'Satyagraha' At San Francisco Opera

by Wayne R. Anderson
OF MGW STAFF

Many opera fans expect all "modern" works to be atonal yelling and avoid them altogether, preferring the melodic security of Puccini or Verdi. For such people, "Moses und Aron," "Wozzeck," "Lulu" and "Lear" are more than they want to hear of the moderns. These musical conservatives might be shocked to hear the works of the most successful contemporary operatic composer, Philip Glass. Writing in the minimalist style, in which sound patterns change subtly through numerous repetitions, his works are filled with melody. Glass, recognizing that opera is a larger-than-life art form, has chosen his subjects on a grand scale. His first three works ("Einstein on the Beach," "Satyagraha" and "Akhnaten") form a trilogy on men who caused radical shifts in history: Ein-

stein through the atomic age; Gandhi through non-violent resistance; and the pharaoh, Akhnaten, through monotheism. "The Making of the Representative from Planet 8" portrays a dying civilization, and the upcoming "The Voyage," commissioned for the Met in 1992, will look at the great explorers.

Glass' operas play to full houses around the world and, even more vital, get second productions. Audiences are largely younger people, which was clear in San Francisco, many of whom are new to the opera. Some critics have been very favorable, yet others dismiss his works as sophomoric glitz. Time, not the critics, will ultimately decide.

The 1980 "Satyagraha," given five performances in June, is based on Gandhi's experiences in South Africa as he developed his method (called satyagraha from two Sanskrit words meaning "truth-force") of non-violent protest.

The text, consisting of

passages from the Bhagavad-Gita illuminating the thought behind Gandhi's actions, is sung in Sanskrit with no supertitles. The straightforward action could easily have been followed from the synopsis, but Glass and his librettist went to great pains to select appropriate passages from the Gita, so why did they avoid supertitles when no translation was provided and the audience obviously did not understand Sanskrit? This reeked of hokum!

The score is conceived more as a choral piece with tenor soloist than a conventional opera. All other characters are minor. Of course, this accurately reflects Gandhi's life.

The chorus and the high ethereal tenor of Douglas Perry as Gandhi were very effective. The music is melodic, as noted, but repetitious. Admittedly repetition is integral to the minimalist style, but it grows monotonous and predictable at times. Too often Glass falls back on the same type of orchestration, a rapidly repeated note pattern on the synthesizer. This grated on my nerves, but others didn't mind it so much. The melodies are pretty rather than moving, more like pop tunes, but

From Mozart

by Karl Greene
OF MGW STAFF

The Sacramento Symphony Orchestra has announced an engaging summer season for the month of July. The "season" consists of two distinct series: a Pops series of four concerts at the California State University, Sacramento Hornet stadium and a Mozart series of four concerts at the Community Center Theater downtown.

Titled "Pops Under The Stars," the pops series is sponsored by the Raley's Corporation. Concertgoers may bring their own picnics and enjoy the performances from the elevated seating or from reserved seats at tables on the lawn. Or, they may order box suppers and beverages in advance or on the grounds. The schedule is: July 1, Ronnie Kole Trio; July 8, Crystal Gayle; July 15, A Broadway Revue; and July 22, Mason Williams.

Titled "Mozart Festival," the Mozart series will take place on Thursdays at 8 p.m., starting with a short, informal presentation by each artist. The programs highlight Mozart's piano,

chamber and orchestral music, with a special program featuring music for the glass harp (where a set of glass basins are played by rubbing the fingers against the glasses).

The schedule is: July 6, Steven DeGroot, pianist, Carter Nice, conductor; July 13, Jamey Turner, glass harpist, Carter Nice, conductor; July 20, Brian Schweickhardt, clarinetist, Walter Proost, conductor; and July 27, James Barbagallo, pianist, Michael Neumann, conductor.

In addition to these series, the symphony is presenting two more pleasurable programs in July. The first is "The Symphony at Pavilions" — Set aside four Wednesday evenings for fine wine and live music in the Courtyard of Pavilions. The second is "A French Gala" — On Friday, July 14, celebrate Bastille Day with a spectacular benefit underwritten by Robert C. Powell. The evening includes French wine, a gourmet dinner and a special concert under the stars.

For further information about these events, call the Sacramento Symphony Orchestra offices at 649-0300. ■

pleasant. Conductor Bruce Ferden had his hands full cueing everyone in since there was no prompter, but he kept things together.

The sets, from Chicago's Lyric Opera, were minimal to fit the style and subject of the opera. Each act was dominated by a huge cube in center stage, atop which sat a "witness": Tolstoy as a past influence on Gandhi; the Indian poet, Tagore, as contemporary influence; and Martin Luther King as Gandhi's influence on the future. This little trick was Glass', not the set designer's. It seemed juvenile.

How will this opera wear? Not too well I think. While it made for a pleasant afternoon (after all, who would not be interested in Gandhi?), there seemed to be little below the surface, either musically or dramatically, and too much was predictable. I felt no desire to see it again to grasp underlying richness or complexity.

It is encouraging that a modern composer can work successfully in opera and that more young people are discovering the

art form. They enjoyed it enough to give Glass a standing ovation at the final curtain. Opera can provide thrills that (for me and perhaps for them) no other form can match. But to sustain a new audience, works of greater depth will be needed.

Editor's note: Columnist Anderson and his partner, Bruce, are spending the summer in Turkey. His column will resume in the fall. ■

'Big and Thick'

by Karl Greene
OF MGW STAFF

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John Summers, the director, says about his newest release, "Just the sex." This remark best describes this video. Thirty young men, one after the other (or in twos and threes), perform sex, sex and sex — no foreplay or lingering after climaxes. This video is devoid of story lines, plots or even characters. It's what the director says it is, "Just the sex!" ■

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On The Record

by Laura Enright
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Avalon by Kay Gardner, Ladyslipper.

If I would have paid more attention to the cassette cover on this one, I would have been better prepared for what I heard. Right there on the cover it specifically said "Solo Flute Meditations," but being the Ian Anderson flute loving groupie that I am, I sped right past that warning and plunged in for what I expected to be a grand experience.

No such luck! Kay's performance on the flute had a very soothing, tranquil effect, but all her selections tended to sound alike and I suddenly found myself having a strong urge to take a nap.

Take note, these "flute meditations" are exactly that, and should therefore be listened to in a kicked-backed, let-the-world-pass-me-by frame of mind or you'll get turned off by it, as I nearly did.

Odyssey by Julia Haines, A. Howl, Inc.

"An Exploration Of Afro-Celtic Harp-Fusion," Julia Haine's collection, truly shows the wide range of mood music the celtic-harp can create.

After starting off with what appears to be a calypso-inspired song, Julia proceeds to take her listeners off in many directions while consistently teasing and seducing them with the haunting and totally erotic tones of the harp itself. I highly recommend

this cassette as background music when making love to that very special person in the wee hours of the morning.

Drum Drama by Edwina Lee Tyler, Percussion Piquant, Inc.

The cover stated "Recorded live from People's Cafe in New York City," so how could I possibly go wrong?

Easily, that's how! Being a fool-around-on-my-drum-set kind of woman, I was intrigued by the prospect of letting the good times roll and flipped right over to the hot side of this cassette. The cover promised me that this was indeed the magnificence of Edwina's drumming abilities and varied drastically from the highly dramatic percussion influence of the cool side. Well folks, I was equally unimpressed with both.

Sorry Edwina, but your cassette was boring and turned out to be a total letdown. I have a great appreciation of African drums, as well as percussion instruments such as the marimba and European piano strings, but "Drum Drama" simply didn't do justice to any of them.

A Circle Is Cast, Libana.

When I first started listening to "Rounds, Chants and Songs for Celebration and Ritual," I was overcome by the absolute beauty created by nothing more than female voices raised in perfect harmony. I mean, why should there be instruments included to take away from those truly sweet, angelic voices showering me with their sisterly love.

By the third song I was beginn-

ing to feel a little uncomfortable and started fast-forwarding my cassette player to find some relief. Lo and behold I couldn't seem to get away from the same lyrics repeated over and over and over again. No matter what song, chant or round I attempted to fast-forward into oblivion, the haunting lyrics found me again. Song after song on this cassette seemed to consist of under ten words total, and simply repeated those words for up to three-and-a-half minutes. I felt possessed!

Listening to "A Circle Is Cast" is a totally frustrating experience unless you find yourself in the right frame of mind, and/or a spiritual setting.

Walk That Edge by Heather Bishop, Mother of Pearl Records.

Heather Bishop has a real winner with her "Walk That Edge" cassette. Starting with the first song, "Coming For You," Heather bowled me over with her deep, sexy voice and down-to-earth lyrics. Many of the selections are perfect for slow dancing around the living-room floor, and I sensed a bit of country influence in several of the songs.

The only negative feeling I have about "Walking The Edge," or more likely Heather herself, is the fact that her voice never really seems to change its tone and therefore borders on being monotonous. Sensual or not, a little goes a long way. (Sorry Heather, but don't worry, I love you anyway.) Nevertheless, I strongly suggest that "Walk The Edge" becomes a part of everyone's cassette collection. ■

Finally....Getting It Right

by Monica McRho
OF MGW STAFF

"Getting It Right," rated R, is playing at the Tower Theater, 16th & Broadway, 443-1982. Starring: Jesse Birdsall, Helena Bonham Carter, Peter Cook, John Gielgud, Jane Horrocks, Lynn Redgrave. Screenplay by Elizabeth Jane Howard (based on her novel). Produced by Jonathan D. Krane and Randal Kleiser. Directed by Randal Kleiser.

"Getting It Right" is a film which bills itself as a contemporary romantic comedy. The English film centers around Gavin Lamb (Jesse Birdsall), a virginal 31-year-old man...whoa, wait a minute. That's contemporary? Who ever heard of a 31-year-old male who's still a virgin, much less met one. Even more astonishing is that Gavin readily admits his lack of experience.

After I finally admitted to myself that statistically there must be at least a few virginal men in the thirtysomething age group (even if they won't admit it), I sat back in my seat and began to appreciate the fact that the movie was not about your stereotypical woman either.

After awhile Gavin began to appear as a new man for this New Age — the Age of herpes, the Age of AIDS, the Age of infidelity. Here is a man who establishes relationships first, and who is sensitive and caring though just a tad naive. Gavin's problem is that he is afraid to take risks in life, and that fear has had a stunting effect on his growth. He fantasizes about making love, finding a companion, moving out of his parents' house and becoming more assertive, but the moment his fantasies involve taking action or making changes in the status quo, he quickly backs away.

All this changes when Gavin

attends a party at Joan's house (Lynn Redgrave), a party to which he has been dragged by his best friend, Harry (Richard Huw). Harry, who is gay, is experiencing turbulent times with his live-in lover. He clings to Gavin's friendship as friends in trouble often do.

At the party, Harry encourages Joan to rescue Gavin who seems lost and helpless in this sea of strangers. Joan's partner is away on one of his many trips, and she amuses herself by giving parties for people she hardly knows. Joan and Gavin are instinctively drawn to each other, perhaps because they are alike. Gavin shuns life by never taking action, and Joan builds walls designed to keep people from getting too close. She dresses garishly and wears a bright red wig and fake glasses, all intended to ward off close encounters of the human kind.

Gavin's encounters seem to jar him awake. He becomes a little more assertive, slightly more adventurous and daring without even realizing it. He begins to speak out to his pompous boss, Mr. Adrian (Peter Cook), about unfair practices at work and starts to amorously notice his assistant, Jenny (Jane Horrocks).

Gavin does not stay a virgin for long. I won't tell you who the lucky person is, but suffice to say this is a pivotal point for him. He blossoms and takes control of his life. He starts bucking the status quo and taking risks. He still fantasizes, but we know that Gavin will now act upon his dreams. His life finally has passion.

This is a delightful film, the kind of film which starts off slowly but soon lures you into the lives of the characters. In the end, the film seemed very contemporary, very romantic, and indeed a comedy. ■

MGW PET PATTERN

by Tom McCauley
OF MGW STAFF

Editor's note: For many gay people, pets become surrogate children — family members — "fur people." Therefore, we're printing Tom's column to gauge reader response. If you like it, we'll print more.

Is home environment important for pets? Can you afford proper health and nutrition? Are you sure of your pet's needs? As a pet owner, these are a few of the questions I took time to have answered in order to better care for my pets.

Environment is the key to your pet's security. Consistency plays a major role in your pet's environment, happiness and well-being. Feed your pet within an hour of the scheduled time — always. If feeding times vary too much the pet becomes insecure which can lead to health problems, such as feather biting, paw chewing and unnecessary scratching, to name a few.

Nutrition is most important. Food made for animals varies greatly. Check ingredients carefully. If you are not sure what they are, ask the pet-store employee on duty. If they don't know, don't buy it. When in doubt, consult your veterinarian. Spending an extra \$5, along with a 10-minute phone call, can really make a difference in the health of your pet.


Just as people have specific needs, so do pets. Everyday bathing is an essential for birds. Yet a dog can go a month before needing a bath. Cleaning the animal's environment, such as a bird's cage or cat's dishes, should be done weekly or as needed. Overlooking the littlest thing can have repercussions which might go unnoticed as an animal's instinct is to hide illnesses.

To complete the circle of needs, we must remember emotions. Animals act on two specific behaviors, instinct and emotion. Always take time to give affection to your pet. However, too much of a good thing can bring you and your pet more problems. Smothering an animal with too much affection can cause it to become completely dependent on you, and when left alone can hurt itself and destroy household items. Dogs left in yards have been known to rip the pads off their paws trying to get through a fence when they see or hear their owners leaving. Find a happy

medium which provides emotional stability — for both the pet's health and owner's peace of mind.

Another top-of-the-summer problem to watch for (and not just on the Fourth): sealing pets in a hot car where they can quickly die. Even moderate days are blazing hot inside a car — and they kill. Dogs and children, no exception. ■

Tom McCauley raises birds, fish, rodents, reptiles, dogs and cats. Please write in with questions and he will gladly research and answer them for you.



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Berkeley, CA...The history of the gay and lesbian movements in the Bay Area are being preserved in a major microfilming project now underway at the University of California, Berkeley. The project will cover three decades of lesbian and gay journals and newsletters and will be made available to scholars worldwide.

—Press Release

Oakland, CA...By a one-vote margin, the directors of BART voted in June not to pass a domestic partners plan such as the new one in San Francisco — but the board did agree to study the issue further. The original proposal called for providing health, dental and vision benefits to the domestic partners of BART employees.

—The San Francisco Sentinel

Oakland, CA...In a unanimous vote at the end of May, the Peralta Community College District Board of Directors elected Tom Brougham president of the board. Brougham has been on the board as an openly gay member since 1987.

—The San Francisco Sentinel

San Francisco, CA...California Superior Court judge agreed in June with the Bay Area Reporter, that it had a legal right to publish negative opinions about Rep. William Dannemeyer, an ultra-conservative Republican congressman from Orange County. Dannemeyer had brought a libel suit against the paper, but the court declared that the article was protected under the California "fair comment" doctrine and the First Amendment.

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Fremont, CA...A crowd of 75 parents, students and community leaders turned out in May for a Board of Education meeting after Bob Stipicevic, president of the board, publicly announced his homosexuality. The group was decidedly supportive of Stipicevic and, at one point, gave the young board president a standing ovation. Some of those present, however, were very critical, especially those identifying themselves with Christian fundamentalist groups.

—The San Francisco Sentinel

National News . . .

Seattle, WA...ACT/UP Seattle planned to meet comedian Sam Kinison with noisemakers and signs to protest his comedy act which it called anti-lesbian/gay, racist and misogynist. Kinison played Seattle's Paramount Theater in June.

—Seattle Gay News

New Orleans, LA...A national newspaper, The Second Stone, that addresses the issues of being both lesbian or gay and Christian begins its second year of publication this summer. It features news and information from the lesbian/gay Christian communities, travel articles, an event calendar and a classified section. For information, write to Box 8340, New Orleans, LA 70182.

—Press Release

Nashville, TN...Tennessee's law which permits employment discrimination against people with AIDS is still on the books. Early in May, legislation to extend anti-discrimination protection to PWAs was defeated by the state Senate Commerce Committee. In 1988, Tennessee became the only state in the nation to specifically exempt PWAs from state law which prohibits job discrimination against handicapped workers.

—Gaze (Memphis, TN)

Atlanta, GA...A new program aimed at recruiting lesbians and gays to become foster or adoptive parents of children with AIDS, ARC or HIV has been met with a mixture of support and anger in the lesbian/gay communities here. Some gay activists are demanding that the state protect potential parents before supporting the program.

—Gay Community News (Boston)

Washington, DC...The Human Rights Campaign Fund has enrolled people in its new Speak Out mail program to Congress which authorizes HRCF to send mailgrams to their congresspersons. The messages cost \$2.95 each and are triggered to respond to fast-moving legislation. For information, call 202/628-4160.

—Press Release

Washington, DC...The Human Rights Campaign Fund has announced the creation of a new Lesbian Issues and Outreach Project to advance the lesbian political agenda within the U.S. Congress and the lesbian and gay communities. HRCF is accepting applications for project director. The deadline is July 30. For information, write to HRCF, Lesbian Issues and Outreach Project, 1012 14th Street, N.W., #607, Washington, D.C. 20005.

—Press Release

Washington, DC...The ninth annual Gay and Lesbian Press Association awards were given in May at the organization's convention in Washington, D.C. The conference was attended by more than 150 members of GLPA. The largest number of awards was won by San Francisco's "Bay Times," formerly called "Coming Up." The paper won in seven of the 20 categories and took second place in nine others.

—Philadelphia Gay News

Washington, DC...In a short, three-sentence letter, U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop informed President George Bush early in May that he will retire from his post in July. Known for conservative views when he took office in 1981, Koop spoke out in favor of explicit AIDS education and condom use when he released his landmark report on AIDS in 1987. Conservatives have labeled him a traitor and a puppet of the "homosexual lobby."

—Windy City Times (Chicago)

Key West, FL...Some 400,000 lesbian and gay tourists headed for Key West last year and the number continues to rise according to the Key West Business Guild, one of the nation's oldest lesbian/gay business organizations. The guild has just published a new brochure titled "Key West" which is available by calling the guild at 305/294-4603.

—Press Release

New York, NY...The National Gay & Lesbian Crisis Line/AIDS 800, 1-800-SOS-GAYS, is the only nationwide toll-free service providing information, referrals and counseling to lesbians and gays, their families and concerned friends. The hotline is staffed by more than 100 professionally-trained volunteers. The lines are open from 5-10 p.m., Monday through Friday and 1-5 p.m., Saturday.

—Press Release

New York, NY...Dr. Lenora Fulani and the New Alliance Party will hold a series of forums in major cities across the country to engage the lesbian and gay communities in a dialogue on "Which Way for Lesbian and Gay Empowerment." Forums will be held in San Fran-

cisco and Portland, Oregon on July 7.

—Press Release

World News . . .

Mexico City, Mexico...The Colectivo Sol (Sun Collective) reports that Mexican groups at the July 11 conference in Vienna will bid to host the 1991 International Lesbian & Gay Association Annual Conference in Mexico. For travelers, Colectivo Sol is now offering a free bilingual telephone information service as well as a bilingual guide service at a nominal fee. Call (73) 658-3534.

—Press Release

Tel Aviv, Israel...Lesbians and gays held their first Gay Pride Parade in Tel Aviv the last week of June. The march was followed by an unprecedented demonstration outside the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, to show solidarity to claim lesbian and gay rights. The Knesset recently rejected laws to protect homosexuals from job discrimination.

—Press Release

Bangkok, Thailand...AIDS Awareness Week was observed as part of the International AIDS Day, the aim being mass public education. The highlight was an anti-AIDS parade, the first time in Thai history that lesbians and gays had marched in public.

—Press Release

Bangkok, Thailand...An Asian Lesbian Network has been formed to establish space exclusively for Thailand lesbians to meet each other. The group is supported by the International Lesbian Information Service, headquartered in Amsterdam, which encourages similar groups to form throughout Asia.

—Press Release

Singapore...An International AIDS Day benefit was held with proceeds going to the newly formed Action for AIDS Singapore. This group intends to help promote education, welfare and research. It is a private organization with government approval.

—Press Release

Bogota, Colombia...Lesbians and gays joined workers of Colombia on May 1 by marching in the May Day parade with signs and handouts demanding a national Anti-Discrimination law to protect lesbians and gays as well as other oppressed peoples.

—Press Release

Vienna, Austria...The 11th International Lesbian & Gay Association Annual Conference will take place in this city from July 16 to 22, 1989. The ILGA is seeking to increase memberships from United States organizations. Publications and individuals are welcome to join. For further information, contact Demetrio Boniche, c/o WAY, Ved Ballahoj 4, 2700 Bronshoj, Copenhagen, Denmark.

—Press Release

Soweto, Johannesburg...South Africa's newest lesbian and gay organization, called GLOW, has been formed in this area. The group, founded by blacks and whites, has a majority black membership and is interested in getting in touch with international organizations to maintain a flow of information. GLOW's contact: c/o Glen Shelton, South African Institute of Race Relations, P.O. Box 31044, Braamfontein 2017, South Africa.

—Press Release

Rangoon, Burma...Reports from Burma indicate that the hard-nosed military crackdown on the massive demonstrations for freedom and democracy have sent gays undercover once again.

—Press Release

Tokyo, Japan...The International Friends group welcomes visitors and operates the Japan Gay Help Line (03) 453-1618, which functions in English and Japanese. IF has made up a set of tourist maps of Tokyo: "The Tourist's Handbook" plus a single sheet map of the Shinjuku lesbian and gay area. If you would like a set, send 10 International Reply Coupons (obtainable at your post office) to I.F., C.P.O. Box 180, Tokyo 100-91, Japan.

—Press Release

Puerto Rico...In February the Colectivo de Concientizacion Gay (Collective for Gay Awareness) held their Second National Congress titled "Perspectives of Homosexuality and Lesbianism in Puerto Rico." For an "Estamos En Todas Partes" CCG T-shirt, send \$8.50 to CCG, Apartado 1003, Estacion Viejo San Juan, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00902, USA.

—Press Release

Lambda Sues TWA

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced it filed a major federal court lawsuit, in May, against Trans World Airlines for discriminating against lesbian and gay couples in its Frequent Flyer Bonus Program.

Lambda represents William Johnson, an attorney himself, who is a member of TWA's Frequent Flyer Bonus Program. According to program rules, Johnson is entitled to free travel benefits for himself and, in some instances a companion, once he has travelled a certain number of miles on the airline.

By July, 1988, Johnson had accumulated over 100,000 mileage credits with TWA entitling him to two free tickets to any TWA destination world-wide. Johnson requested two round-trip tickets, for himself and his

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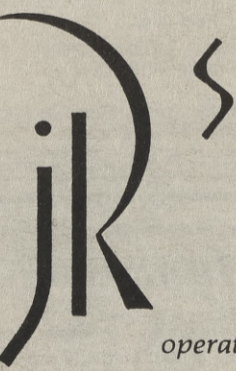
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Editor's note: Hundreds of people in the Sacramento Valley area have tested positive with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Early testing, safe-sex precautions to prevent other infections, and availability of medications that work well with one another are expected to lengthen by many years the time before an infection or disease associated with AIDS might develop. To this end, the name of this column has been changed to more specifically direct information to all persons who have this treatable virus.

CARES Opens . . .

■ In mid-June, the new CARES clinic at 2710 Capitol Avenue began seeing HIV-positive individuals with no AIDS or ARC symptoms. In conjunction with the programs of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, which provides services to people in all stages of HIV infection, as well as education for them and their loved ones, local citizens' needs are being more efficiently met. Projected clinic services to be offered include laboratory testing, education, nutrition, counseling, case management, and medical care.

Undetected Virus . . .

■ Some people may carry the HIV virus for up to three years without it being detected by standard AIDS tests, a small study on 133 men has found. Researchers had thought that most infected people produce detectable antibodies within six months of infection. The study also indicates that some infected people may never produce antibodies and may never become ill with AIDS; further study is needed to determine if they can pass on the virus during these extended time periods. The suggested findings may call into question the accuracy of statistics on AIDS infections, because they rely on the AIDS antibody tests also. Researchers are awaiting the results of a much larger study of 3,000 men.

Go Back 12 Years . . .

■ The Centers for Disease Control estimates that as many as 1.5 million people are infected with HIV but have shown no clinical signs of AIDS. According to the Center, it is now thought that it takes up to 10 years before unchecked HIV infections result in AIDS. Early testing is strongly advised for anyone who has engaged in high-risk behavior in the past 12 years.

AIDS Hysteria . . .

■ Foreigners infected with the HIV virus will be allowed to visit the United States to attend conferences but tourists will still be turned away under regulations proposed by the Justice Department. The U.S. is on a small list with Iraq and South Africa and others that don't allow people with HIV to tour their countries. "It's not based on any scientific reasons, and it's not company we should want to keep," said Steve Morin, legislative assistant to Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco).

Party Hearty . . .

■ Upcoming events: Sunday, July 9, 6 to 9 p.m. — The condom corps salutes the Boys of Summer (condom consciousness events with games and contests at the Wreck Room); Saturday, August 26, 2 to 5 p.m. — The Buddy Connection (What gets you Hot? fun play workshop at the AIDS Foundation).

This month's Positive Singles party will be a pool party and BBQ on Saturday, July 22, at 1 p.m. Bring your entree and bathing suit to 3624 Folsom Boulevard, near Alhambra, for the festivities. Call Arturo at 447-5925 for more information.

Calling all artists (all levels of expertise wanted!!): Drawings, sculpture, paintings, other art being sought to raise funds for HIV/AIDS organizations of artists' choosing. Event will be in late summer; coordination meeting for those interested in selling their works will be about July 25. Call Arturo at 447-5925 for more information.

Californians Read . . .

■ A recent Gallup Poll shows that 84 percent of California respondents have read or seen educational efforts regarding AIDS, but only 15 percent have changed their day-to-day behavior as a result; 18 percent have been tested for the virus; and the majority believe the government is not doing enough to solve the problem. The survey also reemphasized the fact that a startlingly low number of people who received blood transfusions between 1977 and 1985 — the period before transfused blood was screened — have been tested. It is highly recommended that these people do so as soon as possible.

America Says . . .

■ A recent Harvard AIDS Institute survey found that 62 percent of all Americans feel that PWAs are victims of discrimination; 90 percent favor maintaining or increasing research funding; 74 percent feel that controlling the spread of AIDS is more important than personal privacy, and that its control might involve the loss of some civil rights; 68 percent feel there should be criminal punishment if a PWA has unprotected sex with another person; 20 percent feel AIDS is a deserved punishment; and 11 percent would refuse to work with a PWA.

Day Dunked . . .

■ Assured that AIDS cannot be transmitted through heated pool water, the San Francisco Recreation Center for the Handicapped says its facilities are now open to all handicapped persons, including those with AIDS.

Disability Protection . . .

■ Major legislation introduced by Democrats in May will ban discrimination against disabled Americans, with people with AIDS (PWAs) among those protected. Civil rights protections now cover race, sex, religion and national origin. The disabilities bill has some Republican co-sponsors, but most have held back support because of opposition from business groups, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

Children Too . . .

■ Of the 94,000 cases of AIDS diagnosed since 1981 nationwide, 1,387 have been in children under 13. However, these numbers are rising dramatically; in New York, one of every 61 babies born is HIV-positive; and in Miami, one of every 57 babies born is HIV-positive. In California, there are 113 children living with AIDS. New programs to educate grade school children are setting aside fears: "My 8-year-old now knows this is a disease like any other disease," said a mother about the educational efforts of St. Mark's School in San Rafael.

Cardinal's View . . .

■ On the other end of the spectrum, Catholic Cardinal Law of Boston has urged parents to keep their children out of AIDS education classes in Boston public schools because he believes that "only abstinence provides a sure means of avoiding HIV infection," and that 13-year-olds should not be given directions on how to use condoms.

Gains Endangered . . .

■ New research at San Francisco University has shown that although gay men in the city have done a terrific and miraculous job of changing their sexual behavior, and thus lowered the incidence of AIDS and HIV infection in their city, there may be cause for alarm about relapses if continued education is not emphasized. A new generation of sex clubs springing up in the city is causing fear that those who have been practicing safe sex for the past five years may fall off the safe-sex wagon because of peer pressure.

Higher Numbers? . . .

■ A University of Chicago study suggests that the number of Americans with AIDS or HIV may be greatly underestimated because affluent white patients can afford to be treated discreetly by physicians who do not report the disease.



Photo by Sonya Cox

PARTICIPANTS IN THE AIDS Candlelight Memorial March place their candles on the curbs surrounding the U.S. Federal Building in the hope that in the light of day, people would be aware of their night's march — and its meaning.

Conference Prepares For Future

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

Facing an ominous forecast that AIDS will strike 6 million people worldwide by the year 2000 (within 11 years!), scientists and health workers from 130 nations recently met for the Fifth Annual International Conference on AIDS in Montreal. A physicians report on the conference will be presented at the University of California, Davis Medical Center on July 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. by doctors, Neil Flynn, Sandy Pomerantz, Barry Siegel and Jeff Payne, who attended the conference. Highlights of discussions follow.

New combinations of drugs to disrupt the HIV virus are showing great promise, reported the National Cancer Institute. AZT, now being used by 20,000 Americans, is extending lifespans. When individuals develop resistance to AZT, or show serious AZT toxicity, highly promising results are being obtained by lowering the AZT dose and combining it with low doses of DDC (which causes severe nerve damage in high doses but dramatically increases T-4 cells), DDI (similar to DDC and which can be given in pill form), or other medications. Renowned physicians at the conference noted that they no longer have any patients on full-dose AZT who became transfusion dependent.

CD-4 alone may not prove to be the ideal "decoy" drug as previously hoped because CD-4 receptor sites on cells may not be the only point of attack by the virus on a T-cell. The virus may be guided to other entries by antibodies, and so a whole family of decoys may be needed to confuse and block the attack. The drug has proved to be safe, but its effectiveness is now in question; however, combining it with immunoglobulins to create antibodies could prove effective in killing the virus.

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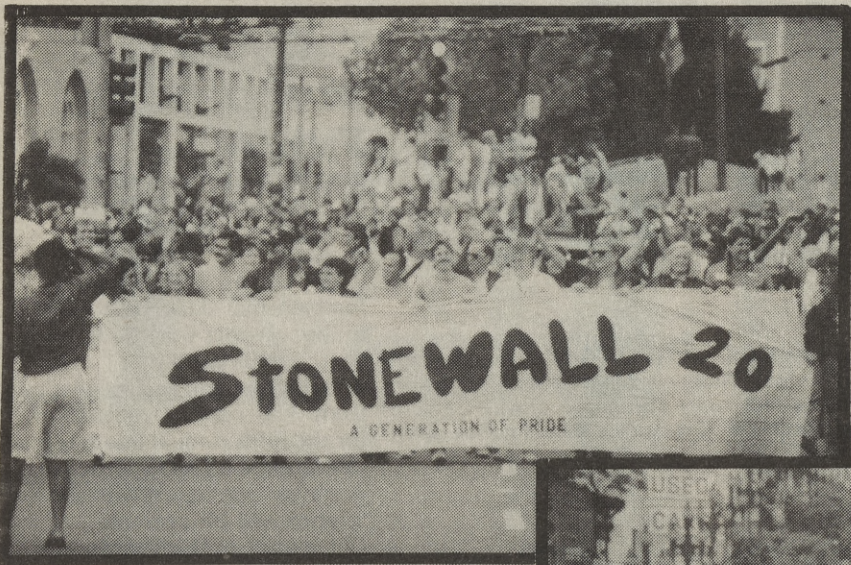


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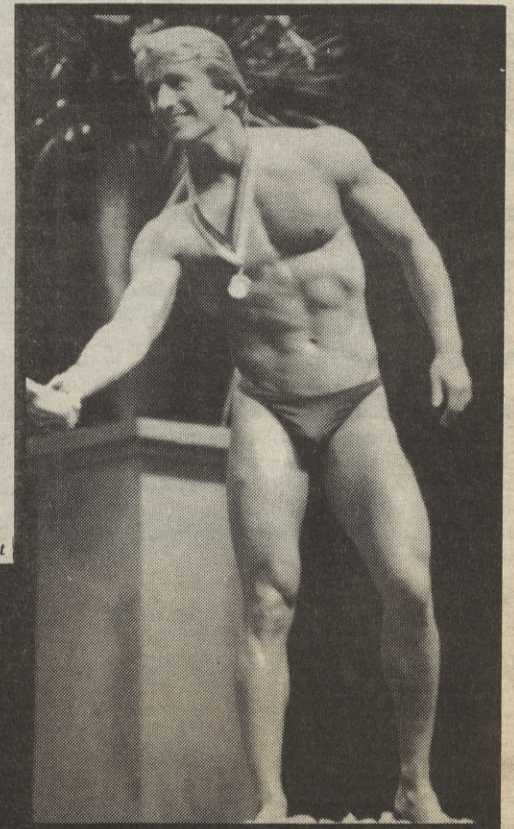


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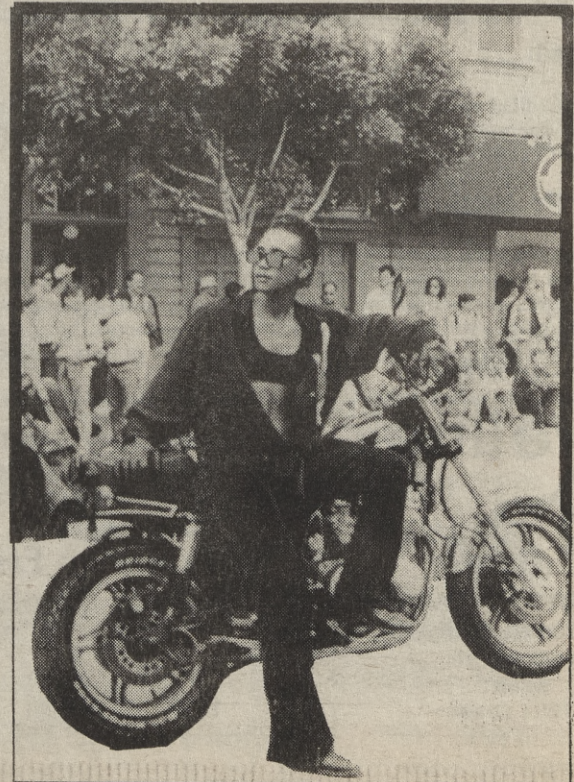
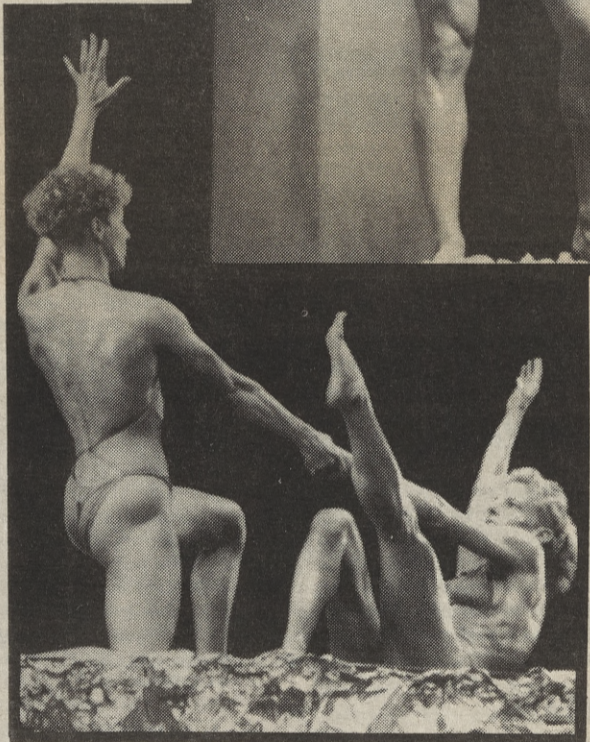


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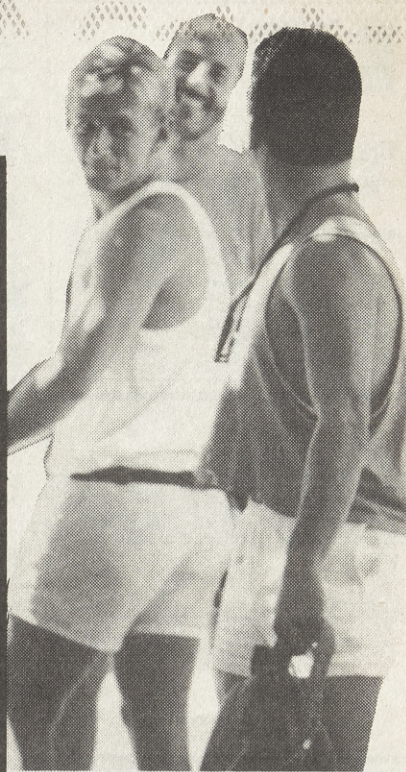


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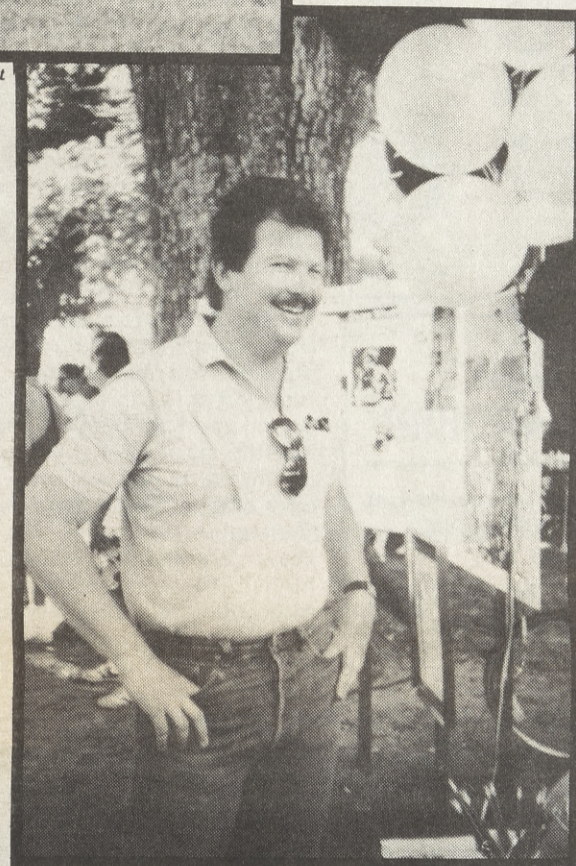


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Relationship Enhancement: Communicating Differences

Part 3 of 10:

More Ground Rules For Communication.

by Joanne Marrow, Ph.D.
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In previous articles I discussed choosing a good time and place, where you feel you will be safely uninterrupted, to carry out your argument or "dialogue your differences." You will be "eye-to-eye" in a receptive attitude. Later, I introduced the ground rules: (1) Agree on your rules; (2) No physical violence; (3) Stay sober and drug-free; (4) Assume an accepting attitude of "show and tell"; (5) Don't interrupt the other's speech. Today we'll consider more rules.

6. Decide how to claim "time-out."

Some common advice is to never to go sleep angry or with an unresolved argument. While this may seem like a good idea, and a guarantee of a better night's sleep, it may not work for everyone. Some areas of disagreement are so fundamental and important to an individual that negotiations may

take days, or perhaps weeks, if the two people do not have a lot of shared time.

It is important to agree on a common signal to indicate that you are tired or need a break. One man in a couple, being an avid sports fan, would signal to his partner that he needed a pause by forming a "t" with his hands for "time-out." His partner, who cared not at all for sports, interpreted this as a demeaning gesture to him. After we clarified that this was actually an innocent plea, the two agreed that simply stating, "I need a break," was more acceptable communication. Before this was clarified, when the "t" gesture was made, the two intensified their anger, changed the subject, and the communication deteriorated.

7. Make "I" statements.

This is a very important rule which can completely alter the tone and the nature of a conversation. Perhaps the following style of communication will seem familiar to you.

"You never listen to me when I try to talk to you."

"Well, you always start at a time when I'm busy."

"You're always busy."

"When you want to talk, you want me to drop everything."

"Remember last week...."

"Yes, I do, I wanted to go to a movie and you insisted on inviting your friends over...."

"That's not what I meant...."

This is not communication. This is two people tossing accusations at one another. Note that neither one is making a statement which begins, "I feel," "I think," "I sense." The tone completely changes when the two can only make "I" statements.

"When I try to talk to you, I feel that I'm not being heard. When this happens I feel both frustrated and angry."

"I probably don't listen to you when I'm busy and I don't want to give you attention. I feel irritated that you interrupted me from what I was doing. Then I just say an angry statement to get you to leave me alone."

"How can I know when the time is right? It seems to me that you're always busy. I need to know when I can approach you."

"You're right. I'm beginning to feel overloaded. I've always got something going on. How about saving time during and after dinner to have some real talking?"

"That's fine with me. I'd rather talk to you than watch prime-time TV!"

This second dialogue is two people openly revealing themselves and also listening to the other's self-disclosure. This style creates intimacy and teaches the other person how one reacts to specific situations. It is important that both people make the "I" statements. If only one person adopts the style, the other will continue with accusations. This will leave the person who makes the "I" statements emotionally open and more sensitive to the attack. It also permits the one who makes "you" statements to completely avoid saying anything about him/her Self.

I hope this second dialogue is appealing to you as a way to make contact with friend or lover. If it seems "scary" to you, you may have to see that fear as a fear of revealing your Self to another. If it seems "odd" to you, you may need to examine the possibility that you rarely speak directly about your feelings. Instead, you may want the other to "mind read" or simply adjust around your unspoken moods. Openly talking about feelings is a very good way to get to know another person. If this is new to you, you may find that it takes serious practice, a sense of personal receptivity and gentle reminders from one another to rephrase a statement into an "I" statement.

As a therapist working with couples, I am often in the position of "referee" when people are new to this style of dialogue. Many people find it easier to learn this style of communication with a therapist being the one who reminds them of this rule. Then they can be fully involved in thinking and feeling what they are trying to express. However, it is possible for a couple who is committed to dialogue to adopt this style without outside assistance. It requires a real awareness and a willingness to accept one another's reminders to rephrase respective statements.

In part 4 of this series, I will discuss more ground rules for good communication.

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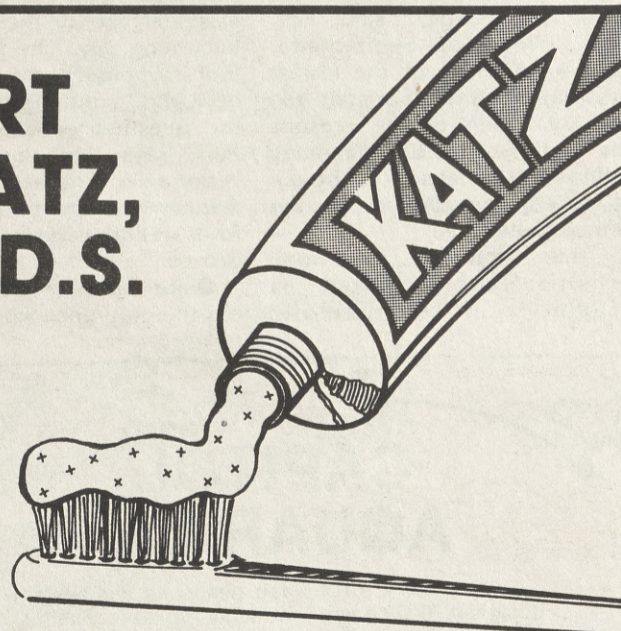
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MCC Ministers Fight For Gay Rights

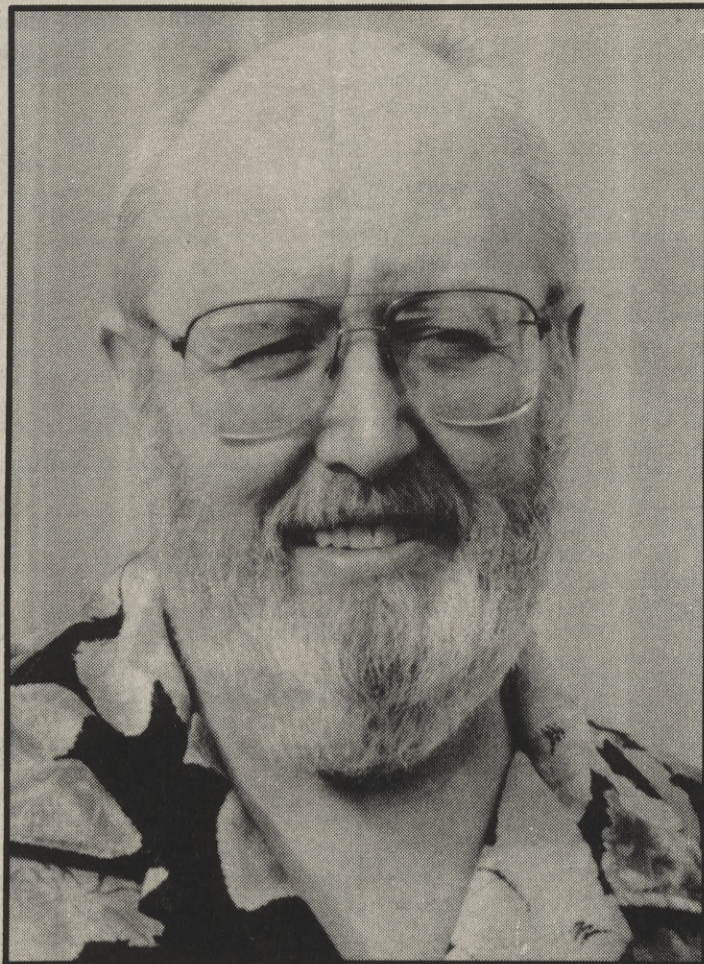
by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

When gays think of organized Christianity, the first image that often springs to mind is the religious right. Their saintly ranks are peppered with the notorious and the negative — ministers like Jerry Falwell, who have led the fight against gay rights and stand for some of the most fascist tendencies in the country.

If folks like Falwell had their way, gays wouldn't have any rights. But the community does have many freedoms, protected vigilantly by openly-gay ministers from the Metropolitan Community Church. Across the nation, this church and its ministers have played a vital leadership role in the battle for homosexual rights — despite objections from conservatives like Falwell.

Consider the Rev. Jerry Sloan, 51, of Sacramento, California. In the past thirty years, he has been the first to come out publicly, the first to stand up for gay rights and the first to tell politicians they must change laws. What's more, he personally took on Falwell for lying and for vicious comments on homosexuality — and won.

Sloan's crusade didn't start with the MCC, however. It started decades before — when he first realized he was gay. An ordained minister from Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Montana, Sloan got his first taste of religious fanaticism as he neared



Rev. Jerry Sloan

Photo by Dell Richards

graduation. As a homosexual, he knew he would never be allowed to minister to a Baptist church. Saying so also meant he would be asked to leave the denomination he had worshipped in all his life. "It pretty much ended my career," said Sloan, "I got thrown

out of the Baptist church."

With his life in shambles, and the founding of the MCC still a decade away, Sloan worked in gay bookstores and bided his time. But as soon as he heard that the Rev. Troy Perry was founding a gay church, he

jumped on board. In 1974, he went to Des Moines, Iowa, to start his own church. "We had our first meeting in the basement of the Unitarian Church with six people, no piano player and 60-year-old hymn books that someone donated," said Sloan.

That small group lasted until Sloan sent a press release to the religious editor of the local newspaper. The published article — which said Sloan had received his ordination from Baptist Bible College — created a furor. Baptist Bible College demanded a retraction, revoked Sloan's degree and asked him to return it. The 1974 letter to Sloan concluded: "We deplore your stand and will be praying for God to change your thinking...or destroy your influence from the earth." Sloan refused to send back his degree which still hangs on his living room wall next to commendations from the City of Sacramento and other prestigious, mainstream organizations.

Undaunted by the flap and encouraged by growth of the congregation the publicity created, Sloan set his sights higher. He decided to change the Iowa law against homosexual acts. "Theoretically, you could go to jail for life for 'abominable and incontestable crimes against nature,'" said Sloan, referring to any type of sex between two men. Sloan arranged for Perry, head of the MCC, to call on Iowa's governor and pressure the state's chief executive. "We asked what they intended to do

about the sodomy laws," said Sloan. "Iowa was in the process of revising the code and they said if we didn't make a fuss, the laws would be dropped." The tactic worked. Laws against homosexual acts between consenting adults were taken off the books and, as Sloan puts it, "Iowa joined the free states."

As ministers, Perry and Sloan enjoyed a legitimacy in the legislative arena that few other people could have matched. "Being a minister carries weight and respect," said Sloan. "We were the first delegation of ministers to call on the governor. Even if the politicians didn't know who we were, we said the head of our denomination wanted to make a courtesy call." As head of a church himself, Sloan almost singlehandedly carried the banner for gay rights in Midwest towns like Des Moines. "Often times — especially in the early 1970s — MCC was the only gay voice in town," said Sloan. "We were the only resource that the politicians or newspapers could talk to."

Today in Sacramento, Sloan still carries on the tradition of being on the frontlines. Recently, he won a settlement, nearly \$9,000, from Falwell — an old buddy from Sloan's college days. On television, Falwell called homosexuality and the MCC church "a grievous sin," then later denied he had said it. "I was flabbergasted when I heard it," said Sloan. "He always had been very careful about naming

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MCC Is Vital Stopping Point

by Dell Richards
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Founded in 1969, the Metropolitan Community Church is one of the fastest growing churches in the United States today. "Compared to all mainstream religions, we are a small percentage," said Rev. Jerry Sloan of Sacramento. "But we are one of the fastest growing denominations in the country." One of the reasons the MCC is attracting so many followers is because it is the only strictly-gay church in the United States.

Other churches have gay organizations — such as "Dignity" in the Catholic

Church — but gay groups often have to battle the church for recognition and sanction. The MCC is different. It preaches gay rights up front and makes gays feel good about being gay. Because of this attitude, it plays an essential role in the gay community. For many people, turning to the MCC is an essential part of the process of becoming gay. The MCC is the first stopping point because it hold out a different answer to the question of sexuality. The MCC says that homosexuality is not a sin. And because of that stance, and the comfort it affords, religious gays turn to it in droves.

Quite often, MCC ministers are the only ones who will tell a

newly-gay man or woman that God doesn't look down on them — or think them sinners — for following their natural instincts. MCC ministers are often the only ones who will tell them God still loves them. And in the end, MCC ministers are the ones

group," said Sloan, "they are fleeing oppression from religion."

According to Sloan, the MCC would grow even faster if new members stayed with the church. But they usually don't.

The MCC says that homosexuality is not a sin.

who give them the strength to continue the arduous, emotional journey that becoming gay entails. "Many, many people come to MCC for a support

"They zoom off," said Sloan. Once they are emotionally and politically strong enough, they usually go back to their own congregations to start their own

gay groups. "That's where gay caucuses come from," said Sloan.

For Sloan, there is nothing wrong with that transition in the long run — even though it may stunt MCC's long-term growth. He feels that the MCC should be a cauldron because he knows that every person who goes back to their own church to battle religious prejudice is playing a vital role in the gay rights battle. He knows that in the long run, the people who return to their own denominations are helping to create a society where ministers of every denomination will be standing for gay freedom rather than standing in the way. ■

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'Woman Plus Woman'

by Rosemarie Pegueros
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Woman Plus Woman by Dolores Klaich, Naiad Press: Tallahassee, 1989.

First published in 1974, *Woman Plus Woman* is a fascinating compendium of information about lesbian life, past and present. Some of the data is from a survey that Dolores Klaich conducted from such notable lesbians as Elsa Gidlow. Some of it is poetry. There are essays on Sappho, Gertrude Stein, Natalie Barney, Virginia Woolf and Radcliffe Hall.

If today *Woman Plus Woman* is considered to be a treasure trove, how must it have been regarded when it was originally published just five years after the Stonewall riots, and three years before Harvey Milk was assassinated? Granted, those were more liberal times than the ones we live in, but *Woman Plus Woman* has stood up well to the ravages of time.

There is a boldness about this book, not only in the range of subjects that Klaich tackles, but in the breadth of her knowledge of many different disciplines. She starts with a chapter on sex and psychology; she grabs Freud and shakes him. Indeed, a large portion of the book explores the various psychological interpretations of lesbian behavior. She thinks deeply about the kinds of lives lesbians of the past experienced. Then she turns to the lesbian world in the 1970s to capture it in the moment.

This is a fine work of lesbian scholarship that should grace every one of our libraries. We owe a debt of gratitude to Naiad for having had the good sense to re-issue *Woman Plus Woman*. ■

'Reflections'

by Rosemarie Pegueros
OF MGW STAFF

The Shape of Red: Insider/outsider Reflections, by Ruth Hubbard and Margaret Randall, Cleis Press: San Francisco, 1988.

There is perhaps, no other literary form as accessible as the personal letter. In "The Shape of Red" personal history and reflection about the conditions of our lives today are discussed by two women with fine minds who have had unusual lives. They have chosen the most natural form of expression for two friends who live in different cities, the letter,

to explore the various permutations of being outsider and insider.

Margaret Randall is the writer, poet, photographer and teacher who has lived half of her life in Latin America, and who, for personal, non-political reasons, gave up her U.S. citizenship. Her writings, critical of U.S. foreign policy as well as critiques of the revolutionary societies of Cuba and Nicaragua, have resulted in her being barred from reinstating her citizenship.

Ruth Hubbard is a Jewish refugee from Austria who came to the United States with her parents in 1938. She is now a biology professor at Harvard. Both women have spent their lives in political activism.

"The Shape of Red" looks at race, class and sex; sexual orientation and ethnic identity. While neither Hubbard nor Randall are lesbians, they acknowledge the compulsory nature of heterosexism in our culture, and explore what it might have meant to them if the situation had been different. The reflections on insider/outsider also look at the effects on their children.

What makes this book so engaging, aside from the literary form, is the personal nature of the discussions. These are not academics considering these questions with a jaundiced eye, but activists engaged in the world, wrestling with what racism has meant to them, with how they have struggled with ethnic and religious identity.

I would particularly recommend this book to feminists striving to understand issues of race and class as an exploration of how two activist/feminists have thought about the problems. ■

'The Jaguar Smile'

by Rosemarie Pegueros
OF MGW STAFF

The Jaguar Smile: A Nicaraguan Journey, by Salman Rushdie, Penguin Books: London, 1987.

The Ayatollah Khomeini is dead, but Salman Rushdie remains underground as a result of his publication of "Satanic Verses" — his freedom forfeited to a culture that reveres strict adherence to religious principle and an angry God above individual fulfillment and freedom of mind.

Rushdie's "Satanic Verses" may be inaccessible to a western reader unfamiliar with the labyrinthine complexities of Islamic culture, but "The Jaguar Smile" is a lucid, brilliant look at

Nicaragua since the Sandinista revolution.

Visiting Nicaragua in July 1986, as a guest of the Sandinista Association of Cultural Workers, Rushdie travelled throughout Nicaragua, even visiting the Mesquito Indians on the eastern coast of Nicaragua. Having heard the stories of censorship, he went half-expecting to dislike the Sandinistas, but even with this bias, he points out that "one didn't have to like people to believe in their right not to be squashed by the United States."

He interviews Sandinista leaders and Contras, the owners of the opposition newspaper "La Prensa," as well as the poets that are found throughout the ranks of the Sandinistas. His novelist's eye notices the smallest details such as Daniel Ortega who, self-consciously nurturing his mystique as leader, rarely eats in public.

For all the failings of the Sandinista regime (including the lack of availability of legal abortions), Rushdie's portrait is a vivid account of a moment in Nicaraguan history, discussed with Nicaraguans of all political persuasions. ■

'Aspects of Lesbianism'

by Rosemarie Pegueros
OF MGW STAFF

Historical, Literary and Erotic Aspects of Lesbianism, edited by Monika Kehoe, Harrington Park Press: New York, 1986.

Historical, Literary and Erotic Aspects of Lesbianism is an eclectic collection of scholarly pieces on lesbianism that is notable for the impressive roster of distinguished members of the lesbian and gay communities who contributed to it: Margaret Cruikshank, Lillian Faderman, Joanna Russ and Judy Grahn, to name a few.

The authors tackle a variety of

subjects from "Lesbianism and North American Indian Tribes" to "The Lesbian Corporate Experience" to literary criticism of Willa Cather's work. On a less academic plane, it takes a look at older lesbians, and considers the nature of sexual fulfillment.

Even though I am not a therapist, I particularly enjoyed Laura S. Brown's discussion of "Confronting Internalized Oppression in Sex Therapy With Lesbians." Dr. Brown dispels contrasting myths about lesbian sexuality, such as "Women know intuitively what women want sexually," and "Lesbianism is just another closet for celibacy, so why work on being sexual," while addressing the real problems of sexual dysfunction in the lesbian community.

Readers interested in lesbian biography or literature will be interested in the two essays on Willa Cather, and in the brief discussion about May Sarton's understated lesbianism. While the work might have been strengthened by having a unifying theme more specific than just lesbianism, this smorgas board approach provides an interesting yet serious look at many of the unmapped aspects of lesbian life. ■

'October Obsession'

by Rosemarie Pegueros
OF MGW STAFF

October Obsession by Meredith More, Naiad Press: Tallahassee, 1988.

Meredith More's *October Obsession* is neither predictable nor torrid (yes, I know some of you will be disappointed) but it is a wonderful mystery that won't let you put it down.

Lesbian mysteries in the 1980s tend to be rather formulaic: a murder investigated by a lesbian detective who in the course of her inquiries, finds love. A couple of torrid and explicit love scenes later, she finds the murderer, and by the end of the novel, she and her new lover ride off into a new life together. One would hope she doesn't get involved in too many murder investigations.

The author employs some interesting themes in her mystery, such as an awareness of women's spirituality and even some New Age elements, without being coy or disrespectful. One would hope that a writer of Meredith More's caliber will someday apply her talents to a work of greater length and complexity. ■

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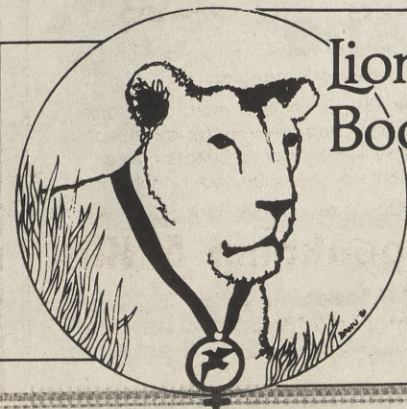
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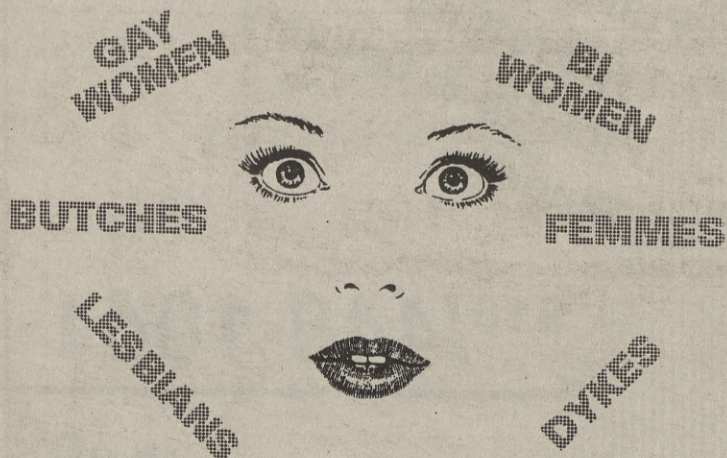
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Benefit Scheduled

Gail Smith, singer and entertainer, formerly of Joseph's Town & Country, is now performing weekends in Guerneville at "Molly Browns" and Wednesdays in Sacramento at "Faces."

There will be a benefit held at the "Hacienda" in Guerneville on July 15 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Saturday afternoon show will feature Gail Smith, Torch, the San Francisco D.J. and her band, "Johnny Holliday and the Ins," and a few other surprises. All proceeds will go to "Food For Thought," the Guerneville HIV Project.

On July 3, the "Hacienda" also has scheduled a July Fourth Party. ■

A Call To Artists

The 1989 Artists Fashion Show, an annual fundraising event supporting the Hand-to-Hand Project of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, has Rio de Janeiro and carnival as the theme, and will take place on September 9.

Artists are invited to participate by submitting a proposal for their interpretation of the theme; to be presented primarily as fashion and secondarily as performance art. Artists may submit proposals as teams. Deadline for proposals is July 10.

Proposal forms may be picked up at Matrix Gallery, 1725 I Street, Wednesday to Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 441-4818, or Ms. Reetah Barnes, artists liason, for more information, at 442-2296. ■



Photo by Carol Lindstrom

SINGER GAIL SMITH BELTS out tunes against a dazzling backdrop. Smith's electric repertoire consists of 50s and 60s standards, country classics and current hits.

Minister

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names and referring to MCC as a nebulous gay church. "But this time, he named the MCC directly and called it a violent, satanic system which would be utterly annihilated — and there would be celebration in heaven."

Ironically, Falwell's pride led to his defeat. When Sloan called Falwell on his remarks during a television talk show in Sacramento, Falwell rebuked Sloan for being "a liar," denied ever saying it and promised to give \$5,000 to anyone who could prove it. Proving it was easy. Not only had Sloan taped the original show but so had others. When the gay media reported what Sloan was doing, taped versions flowed in to Sloan who immediately called the Sacramento television station. The television station broadcast both videos. The evidence was conclusive: Falwell was clearly wrong. But Sloan had to take Falwell to court to collect the money.

For Sloan, the victory was triply sweet. The courts judged Falwell to be the "liar" and Sloan used the award money to buy furniture for Sacramento's Lambda Community Center which he helped found. "Falwell's money bought padded chairs, overhead lights, ceiling fans and plants," said Sloan. "And we now have a 'Jerry Falwell closet' named in his honor."

More importantly, it was a sweet victory for gay rights. "Look at the harassment and all

the problems religion has caused over the years," said Sloan. "Because of fundamentalist religions, we are the victims of the most heinous prejudice that exists today." Even though Sloan got nationwide publicity over the Falwell showdown, his day-to-day life remains unchanged. He continues his devotion to community service which ranges from the MCC to the Lambda Center.

Today, Sloan spends much of his time offering support groups to young gay teenagers. He believes gay youth are the movement's future and he also knows that few people can reach out to gay youth without getting into trouble for "corrupting minors." Being a minister used to pastoring a flock, Sloan is able to slip into that role easily at the Lambda Center. "They can get help and feel good about themselves — and meet one another," said Sloan. "We have to realize that our young gay and lesbian people are our greatest resource. The old war horses like myself are getting older and it should be time for us to start slowing down."

Sloan doesn't intend to slow down as long as anyone needs him. But he does want to see that young lesbians and gays are prepared for the future they'll inherit. "Because AIDS is cutting down the cream of our leadership," said Sloan, "it's the young people who are going to have to wear that mantle long before it's due them." ■

Conference

From pg. 9

Dr. Jonas Salk, developer of the polio vaccine, says that he has taken the first steps to create a vaccine that may one day prevent complications of HIV infection. Dr. Robert Gallo, one of the discoverers of the AIDS virus, said he feels, however, that "it would be dangerous to use such a vaccine in uninfected people."

Hundreds of rowdy protesters from Toronto's AIDS Action Now and New York's ACT-UP interrupted scientific discussions at the conference to support their view that social and political issues should be highlighted. Dr. John Zeigler, co-chairman of the June 1990 International AIDS Conference in San Francisco, expressed concern that that conference will be marked by similar protests. With 12,000 participants, 1,200 journalists, plus the demonstrators in Montreal, doctors were not able to get into several of the sessions they had traveled to Canada to attend.

IV-drug users, especially the homeless, still pose a threat to the nation's blood plasma supply because it is an immediate source of income for them. Experts in Montreal seem to agree that the blood supply is safe, but they say 70 to 80 percent of the plasma is bought from unscreened sellers.

Heterosexual Americans commonly engage in sexual activities — such as extramarital sex, anal sex, and sex with prostitutes — which put them at high risk for AIDS, human sexuality researchers said. They estimate that 37 percent of all husbands and 29 percent of all wives between 18 and 50 years of age engage in extramarital relationships; that at least 39 percent of American women have engaged in anal intercourse, and that 30 percent of all men surveyed reported at least one homosexual experience. About 70 percent of white gay men said they had had sex with a married man, and 20 percent with more than six married men. Additionally, 74 percent of lesbians in a recent Kinsey survey said they had had sex with a man, and one-third of this number said the man had been bisexual.

A fast test for HIV infection in babies whose mothers carry the virus is near. Perhaps within a year it will be possible to tell within two days whether a newborn is infected; it currently takes a month or more, costing vital time in starting treatment. Between 20 and 60 percent of babies of infected mothers are infected.

About 59 percent of the men studied recently have developed some AIDS symptoms within 10 years of becoming infected with HIV; about 18 percent developed ARC; three percent have lymphadenopathy; and about 20 percent are without symptoms of any illness. ■

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Evangelicals Concerned Conference Keynote speakers Dr. Ralph Blair and Mel White. Thru 7/4. Univ. of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA. 206-361-1809
Outdoor Pops Concert The Ronnie Kole Trio. Picnics encouraged, reserved table seating. 8 p.m. Sacramento Symphony and CSUS. 649-0200

2 Sunday

Black and White Men Together "Make It Happen" 9th Convention. Thru 7/8/89. Held in Tallahassee, FL. Write Box 226, Tallahassee, FL 32304-3321 or 1-904-681-9499
Poetry Reading Diana Henning and Jill Merkel. Open readings will follow featured readers. \$2 donation. 8 p.m. Webbers Book Shop, 2107 P St. 446-9346

3 Monday

Women's Rap Group and Social. "Coming Out Stories." 7-9 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185
Cheryl Davis' C/W Stylings \$5 8 p.m. Woodland Opera House, 340 2nd St. Woodland. 666-9617

4 Tuesday

AIDS Prayer Service For all people of all faiths whose lives have been touched by AIDS. 7 p.m. Trinity Cathedral, 2620 Capitol Ave.
Heart to Heart Drop in rap group for gay and bi-sexual men facilitated by a professional therapist. Donation requested, not mandatory. 6:30-8 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 448-2437.

5 Wednesday

Outdoor Adventures Monthly potluck and planning meeting. 7 p.m. McKinley Park. Stan. 441-3285
Chorus Line opens today through July 9 at the Orpheum in S.F.

6 Thursday

Outdoor Adventures Monthly potluck and planning meeting. 7 p.m. McKinley Park
Mozart Festival Steven DeGroot, pianist. Sacramento Symphony. 8 p.m. Community Center Theatre. 649-0300

7 Friday

Pillars Patriotic Pool Party. wear red, white and blue. No-host cocktails. 6 p.m., dinner 7:30. \$14 Sierra Inn. Reservations. 455-1771

8 Saturday

Outdoor Pops Concert Crystal Gayle. Picnics encouraged, reserved table seating. 8 p.m. Sacramento Symphony and CSUS. 649-0200
A Night of Stand Up Comedy 8 p.m. Woodland Opera House. 340 2nd St. Woodland 666-1322
Outdoor Adventures Overnight hike in Desolation Wilderness. Ray, 421-6209
National Nude Weekend Join the River Dippers at Folsom Lake. 967-9558

9 Sunday

QUAD Society Business/social. 7 p.m. Cliff/Renee 927-0418 or P.O. Box 660664. Sac. 95866
Softball Faces vs. Wreck Room. 21st and C sts. Noon.
National Nude Weekend Join the River Dippers at American River at Auburn. 967-9558
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13 Thursday

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15 Saturday

SACWN Bar-B-Que, Beach Lake Preserve, 486-8985
Outdoor Adventures Swim party. Roy, 944-3611
Outdoor Pops Concert An evening of Kern and Hammers-tein. Picnics encouraged, reserved table seating. 8 p.m. Sacramento Symphony and CSUS. 649-0200
People Who Love Too Much Workshop with Charlene Conley and Linda Paoli. LCSW. \$60 972-7831
Artists Reception Jane Goldman, Linda Katzdorn, DeOnn W. Roberts. Margaret TerryVale. 6-9 p.m. Matrix Gallery, 1725 I St. 441-4818
Artists Reception 7-9 p.m. ARTspace, 2228 J St. 786 2179
Artists Reception Thom Ross, An American Pastime. 6-9 p.m. Poetry reading by Bob Stanley. 6-9 p.m. RSVP 448-7211. Barbara McDonald Gallery, 1729 L St.

16 Sunday

Softball Faces vs. Mercantile. Noon. 21st & C sts.
Women's Spirituality Forum Jamie Miller will explain dance as a Goddess ritual. \$7-10 sliding scale. Women only. Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd. Oakland, 415-444-7724
Sacramento Vegetarian Society Potluck picnic. Non-vegetarians welcome. 5:30 p.m. McKinley Park, across the street from tennis courts. 448-2831.
Spokes Womyn Bicycle Club 9 a.m., 2801 D St.

17 Monday

Women's Rap Group and Social. "Our Hidden Child." 7-9 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185

18 Tuesday

Heart to Heart Drop in rap group for gay and bi-sexual men facilitated by a professional therapist. Donation requested, not mandatory. 6:30-8 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 448-2437.
PFLAG A panel of parents speak on "How we responded to the coming out of our son or daughter and how we dealt with this." 7:30 p.m. Fremont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson Blvd Merrill/Muriel Follansbee 444-9510.

20 Thursday

Mozart Festival Brian Schweickhardt, clarinetist. Walter Proost, conductor. Sacramento Symphony. 8 p.m. Community Center Theatre. 649-0300

21 Friday

Pillars "Boot Night" Country/Western dancing. No-host cocktails. 6 p.m., dinner 7:30. \$13 Sierra Inn. Reservations. 455-1771
Leather Weekend '89 The leather world's most exciting weekend. Guerneville. Thru Sunday
Transformations in Education A feminist summer institute. Thru 7/23. Women's Studies Program Antioch University. S.F. 415-285-8947.

22 Saturday

Duke and Duchess Ball "The Great American Music Hall." Open and contest dancing. \$10 donation. Eagles Hall, 126 Camellia Way, Modesto.
Positive Singles Pool party and BBQ. 3624 Folsom Blvd. 1 p.m. 447-5925
Mr. & Mrs Woodland Body Building Contest Preliminary judging at noon, final judging at 7:30 p.m. Woodland Opera House, 340 Second St., Woodland. 666-1319.
Outdoor Pops Concert Mason Williams. Picnics encouraged, reserved table seating. 8 p.m. Sacramento Symphony and CSUS. 649-0200
Leather Weekend '89 See Friday
Outdoor Adventures Day hike at Pt. Reyes. Jim. 481-7618

23 Sunday

Leather Weekend '89 See Friday
Softball Faces vs. Buffalo Club. Noon 21st & C sts.

24 Monday

Women's Rap Group and Social. "Lesbian S&M Issues." 7-9 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185
Outlook Monthly lesbian/gay video magazine. 10:30 p.m. on cable 47. Bisexual activist Maggi Rubenstein, and Outlook's resident wit, Bennet Marks.

25 Tuesday

Heart to Heart Drop in rap group for gay and bi-sexual men facilitated by a professional therapist. Donation requested, not mandatory. 6:30-8 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 448-2437.
Outlook 5:30 p.m. cable 47. Repeat broadcast
The Maggie & Whalen Show Poetry and Margaret Boone with the music of Whalin' Black. 9:30 p.m. Espresso Metropolitan Coffeehouse. 11th and Freeport. 736-9491

26 Wednesday

Outlook 12:30 p.m. cable 47 repeat broadcast

27 Thursday

Mozart Festival John Barbagallo, pianist. Sacramento Symphony. 8 p.m. Community Center Theatre. 649-0300

28 Friday

Outdoor Adventures Trip to Lassen State Park. Thru Sunday. Stan, 441-3285
Marcel Duchamp Chess Classic Featuring a 16' chess board with live players. Noon. City Plaza Park, across from City Hall.

29 Saturday

Crystal Fair Acrystal celebration. \$3 10-6 p.m. Holiday Inn /Holidome. 5231 Date Ave.
Spokes Womyn Bicycle Club 9 a.m., 2801 D St.
Glenn Yarbrough Concert Music from Bear Valley. \$17. 7 p.m., 209-753-2574

30 Sunday

Poetry Reading Maggie Boone, Modesty Bright, and Petra. Open readings will follow featured readers. \$2 donation. 8 p.m. Webbers Book Shop, 2107 P St. 446-9346
Crystal Fair 10-4 p.m. See Sat.

31 Monday

Women's Rap Group and Social. "Secret Question Rap." 7-9 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185

August

1 Tuesday

AIDS Prayer Service For all people of all faiths whose lives have been touched by AIDS. 7 p.m. Trinity Cathedral, 2620 Capitol Ave.
SACWN Steering committee meeting. 6-8:30 p.m. W.E.S.T. 2306 J St. RM. 200. 486-8985
Heart to Heart Drop in rap group for gay and bi-sexual men facilitated by a professional therapist. Donation requested, not mandatory. 6:30-8 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 448-2437.

2 Wednesday

Outdoor Adventures Monthly potluck and planning meeting. 7 p.m. McKinley Park. Stan, 441-3285

4 Friday

Pillars Lazy Days of Summer. No-host cocktails. 6 p.m., dinner 7:30. \$14 Sierra Inn. Reservations. 455-1771
Variety Show by Opera House Youth Summer Camp Theatre. \$2. 8 p.m. Woodland Opera House, 340 2nd St. 666-9617
Canuding Adventure With the River Dippers and naturists from around No. Cal on the Russian River. RSVP PO Box 2693. 95812

5 Saturday

Track and Field Team San Francisco fundraiser. 10:30 a.m. Cox Stadium, SFSU. 415-552-1406
Variety Show 2 p.m. See Friday.

6 Sunday

Softball Noon and 2 p.m. 21st and C sts.
Track and Field See Sat.

8 Tuesday

Heart to Heart Drop in rap group for gay and bi-sexual men facilitated by a professional therapist. Donation requested, not mandatory. 6:30-8 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 448-2437.

12 Saturday

Cache Creek Roadshow Benefit for friends of Cache Creek. 8 p.m. 666-2364

13 Sunday

Softball Noon and 2 p.m. 21st and C sts.
Poetry Reading Olivia Castellano and Janet Carncross-Chandler. Open readings will follow featured readers. \$2 donation. 8 p.m. Webbers Book Shop, 2107 P St. 446-9346

15 Tuesday

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Planning Ahead

July 1989
Transformations in Education A feminist summer institute. Workshops, panels and discussions on lesbian culture, ecofeminism and more. 7/21 thru 7/23. Women's Studies Program Antioch Univ. 900 Valencia St. S.F. 94110. 415-285-8947 for registration
October 1989
Women Artists '89 a national juried competition call for artists. Slide deadline 6/28. Write: Women Artists. Matrix Gallery, 1725 I St. Sac. 95814
December 1989
Black & White Ball

Galleries

Michael Himovitz Gallery The Human Element, an imaginative and controversial use of the figure by various artists. 7/5-7/29. Tues-Sat 11-4:30 p.m. 1020 10th St. 448-8723
Crocker Art Museum. 216 O St. 449-5423
Matrix Gallery Jane Goldman - works on paper.
Introductions '89 Linda Katzdorn - prints; DeOnn W. Roberts - paintings; Margaret Terry Vale - works on paper 7/8 thru 7/30. Weds thru Sun, 11:30-4:30 p.m. 1725 I St. 441-4818
New Age Art gallery 2115 J St. 446-7420
The Shenandoah Gallery Julia Evans - watercolors; Stephen Keyton - wall construction, mixed media; Jannig Kwakman and Roberta Laidman - sculpture. Thru 8/15. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Le Chai (Barrel Room) Shenandoah Vineyards. 12300 Steiner Road. Plymouth. 209-245-4455
ART space Tues.-Sat. 11-5 p.m. 2228 J St. 446-2395.
Tower Gallery M-F 9-9 p.m. Sat 10-6, Sun. 11-6. 1841 El Camino Ave. 924-1001
Barbara McDonald Gallery Delos Van Earl - *Return to River City* painted sculpture and sculptural paintings. Thru 7/13
An American Pastime Thom Ross' paintings and sculpture. 7/15-8/10. Tu.-Fri. 12-5 p.m. 1729 L St. 448-7211.
Thorgren/Blicker Gallery M-S 10:30-4:30 Sun. noon to 5. The Cort Yard, Suite 17. 5770 Freeport Blvd. 428-1731
Chocolate Ripple Dessert Diner. Michael Bos. Amy Pitner and Dean Anderson. Watercolors, sketches and photos. M-F 11a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-midnite. 6 p.m.-midnite wks. 7/15 thru 9/1. 1309 21st. St. 446-3107

Theatre

Fiddler On The Roof Starring Topol. Thru 7/9. Ticketron. Golden Gate Theatre. S.F. **The Unsinkable Molly Brown** Debbie Reynolds and Harve Presnell. Last two performances. 7/1 & 7/2. South Pacific Susan Bigelow and Stanley Waxer recreate their N.Y. performances. 7/10-7/16
Oliver! Starring Arte Johnson. 7/17-7/23. Community Center Theater. 441-3163

Elephant Man A play by Bernard Pomerance. 8 p.m. July 7, 8, 14 & 15. 2:30 p.m. 7/16. CSUS Playwright's Theatre. 278-6604.
Edith Stein The true story of a Jewish woman who becomes a Carmelite nun. W-S 8 p.m. Sun. 3 & 7 p.m. Beginning 7/19. Zephyr Theatre. S.F. 415-861-6895.
Shakespeare in the Park Twelfth Night 7/1. 13. 14. 16 & 28. *All's Well* 7/7. 8. 15. 21. 23 & 29. \$5. Madrigals at 8 p.m., play at 8:30 p.m. Sacramento City Actor's Theatre, William Land Park Amphitheatre. 449-SCAT
A Chorus Line Donna McKechnie recreates her Tony performance. 7/5-7/9. Orpheum Theatre, S.F. Ticketron
Bad Seed By Maxwell Anderson. Thru 7/29. Garbeau's Dinner Theatre. 12401 Folsom Blvd. 985-6361
Starting Here, Starting Now A musical review. Thru 7/23 F-S Carmichael Civic Theatre. 5802 Robertson Ave. 483-2777

Hand-to-Hand Project

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

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The Hand-to-Hand Program has grown to over 307 volunteers. The AIDS Foundation desperately needs at least 25 new volunteers every month to meet the needs of local residents with AIDS. To volunteer, call (916) 448-AIDS, or stop by Foundation offices at 1900 K Street.

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Media

• **BEING GAY TODAY**—Lesbian/Gay video magazine, cable channel 47, M 10-11pm, reshown TU 5-6pm & W 12-1pm. 444-3638.
• **GAY CABLE TV**—Cable channel 47, M 10-11pm, TU 5-6pm, W 12-1pm, Ron Hatch 481-7317 or Cheryl 933-2022.
• **MGW NEWSPAPER**—1725 L St., 95814. 441-NEWS (9-5, weekdays).
• **PSSN NEWSLETTER**—Box 189306, Sac., 95818. Arturo Jackson, 447-5925.
• **VISIONZ**—Cable channel 47. Weekly Gay & Lesbian TV Magazine, W 9 pm, TH 4 pm, F 11 am, producers: Gary Schorzman, Ka'imi Rosa, Larry Porter, 2128 El Camino, Box 113, Sac. 95821, 641-0704.

Miscellaneous

• **AIDS FOUNDATION**—1900 K St., Suite 201. AIDS info, referrals, education, counseling. 448-AIDS.
• **ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (ACA)**—Sat. 12:30-2pm. No smoking 2741 34th (MCC Church) 381-2175.
• **ACROPOLIS Computer Service for Men**—4620 Hazel Ave. F.O. 95628. 300/1200/2400, 8/N/1, Will, Robert, 967-5817.
• **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**—McKinley Park Group, Room A. Tues 8pm. 601 Alhambra Blvd. 454-1100.
• **Lambda Group**. St. Joseph's Hall, S. Church & Chapel St., Grass Valley. Tues. 7pm., Non-smoking.
• **North Hall Group**. MCC, 2741-34th St., Mon. 8pm; Tue. 6pm (Women); Wed. 6pm & 8pm (no Smoking); Fri. 8pm; Sat. 8pm; Sun. 6pm (Men) & 8pm.
• **BARBARY COAST BOATING CLUB**—Sac Delta, SF Bay. 847 Oak St., San Francisco, CA 94117. (415) 255-1049 or (916) 972-9317.
• **CAPITAL CITY SQUARE DANCE CLUB**—Beginners. Tue., 6:30-8pm., William Land School, 12th and V St. Plus 8-9:30pm. George Fox 447-2271.
• **DISCOVER SACRAMENTO HOTLINE**—449-5566.
• **GAY & LESBIAN UNIVERSITY OF CALIF. EMPLOYEES**—Call John Bennett. 457-3634.
• **GAY FATHERS OF SAC**—2nd Sun. potluck/discussion. 456-3237.
• **G.G.N.I.E.**—Box 160636, 95816. 1st Tue., 7:30pm. Last Tues., Bd. Mtg. 447-0345, 927-9540.
• **LANDLORD/TENANT PROBLEMS**—Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission's Landlord-tenant line. 444-0178. 2131 Capitol Ave. Ste. 206.
• **LAMBDA COMMUNITY FUND**—Box 163654, 95816. Jerry 381-3115. 442-0185.
• **LESBIAN & GAY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**—441-2210.
• **NATIONAL GAY & LESBIAN CRISISLINE**—1-800-SOS-GAYS or 1-800-767-4297.
• **N.O.W.**—Third Wed each month. 7-9pm. Clunie Center, 601 Alhambra Blvd. Free childcare. 443-3470.
• **OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**—of Sac., Monthly potluck/meeting. 1st Wed. Stan 441-3285.
• **PARENTS & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS & GAYS**—555 Valiombrosa. #73. Chico. 3rd Sun., 1pm. 891-5718.
• **PARENTS & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS & GAYS**—Freemont Presbyterian Church. 5770 Carlson H St., 3rd Tues. 7:30pm. Merrill Follansbee, 444-9510 or Box 660955, Sac. 95866.
• **PEOPLE TOGETHER**—spiritual, social support group for HIV positive, ARC/AIDS, catastrophic illness, friends, lovers, etc., meets every Tues., 7 p.m. Met. MCC. Betty 454-4762.
• **PILLARS**—Social group, alternating Friday 6:30pm. 455-1771. 6:30 pm.
• **PRIME 8's**—Advanced Square Dancing Club. Mon. 7-9pm. Josephs Town and Country Inn.
• **RIVER CITY BOWLERS**—6pm Southbowl, Sundays, Paul Schierenberg — 927-5431.

• **SAC ATHLETIC GAMES ASSOC.**—(SAGA III Team Sacramento) Board meeting quarterly, 1st Thurs. 7pm. 443-6440. COORDINATORS:
Women's Sports 443-6432
Men's Sports 451-5906
Basketball (w) 455-4473
Basketball (m) 455-4991
Billiards (w) 753-5488
Billiards (m) 372-6404
Bowling (w) 457-9316
Bowling (m) 485-0121 or 635-1535
Canoeing (m/w) 381-3380
Cycling (m/w) 381-3380
Golf (m/w) 443-6440 or 442-8879
Marathon 927-9157
Physique 427-2688 or 443-6440
Powerlifting (m/w) 624-0166
Racquetball (m/w) 457-4943
Soccer 446-6870
Women's Soccer 444-5868
Softball (w) 929-2873
Softball (m) 451-5996
Swimming (w) 454-3142
Swimming (m) 442-4340
Tennis (m/w) 456-6013/386-2127
Track & Field (m/w) 455-0986
Triathlon (m/w) 381-3380
Volleyball (w) 487-4155
Volleyball (m) 442-4641
Wrestling (m) 451-5152

• **QUAD**—Bisexual Family-Oriented Outdoor Recreation & Social Group. Box 660664. Sac. 95866. 927-0418 Cliff, Renee.
• **SPEAKERS BUREAU**—Joe Uhrig 447-0733, Paulette Jacobson 441-5514.
• **SAC GAY & LESBIAN COUPLES**—Social Group meets monthly. Jerome, Eliseo, 391-0109.
• **SAC MEN'S CHORUS**—Box 188726, Sac. 95818, 441-0399.
• **SAC AREA EDUCATORS**—monthly potluck. Tom Harp 456-6673, Frank Lawler, 485-7960.
• **SAC TRADESWOMEN**—Supportive network of women in non-traditional work. Meets 2nd Fri each month. 456-5555.
• **SAN JOAQUIN AIDS FOUNDATION**—4410 North Pershing Ave. Suite C-5, Stockton, CA 95207. (209) 476-8533.
• **VALLEY KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC.**—Box 8163, 95818.
• **YOLO COUNTY GAYS**—1-661-6210.
• **YOLO HOSPICE OUTREACH OFFICE**—110 6th St., Broderick. 95605. Judy Pressman. 758-5566, 372-5863, 1-666-3774.

Political/Legal

• **ASSEMBLYMAN LLOYD CONNELLY**—2705 'K' St., Ste. 6, 95816. Alison Anderson is liaison. 443-1183.
• **ASSEMBLYMAN PHIL ISENBERG**—1215-15th St., Ste. 102. 95814. Connie Damant is liaison. 324-4677.
• **CAL CAPITOL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE**—(CAPPAC)(Demo./Rep.) 1008 10th St. #255, 95814, 736-2722.
• **CONCERNED REPUBLICANS**—Sacramento Log Cabin, John Madrid 921-9928.
• **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**—2131 Capitol Ave., Suite 206, 95816, 4th Wed., 6:30pm. City Hall 444-6903.
• **LOBBY FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM & EQUALITY**—(LIFE) Rand Martin. 926 J St. #1020, 95814.
• **RIVER CITY DEMOCRATIC CLUB**—Box 161958, 95816. Meets 3rd Mon. at Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St. Ken Topper, 424-5254(msg).

Religion

• **AFFIRMATION**—United Methodists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, Ellie, Jeanne, 489-2340.
• **CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV**—220 Danvers St., San Francisco, 94114. (415) 861-6932.
• **DIGNITY**—Box 161765, 95816. (Catholic) Mass & meeting, 2nd Sun., 2pm. St. Francis Chapel, 26th & 'K', 441-0427(msg).
• **METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**—2741-34th St., Box 20125, 95820. Worship services, Sun., 10am and 6pm. 454-4762, Rev. Elder Freda Smith.
• **METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF STOCKTON**—Meets at 2737 Pacific Ave. (Unitarian Church), at 6pm Sun. PO Box 8323, Stockton, CA 95208, (209) 465-3944.
• **LUTHERANS CONCERNED/SA**—4th Sun, Kevin S. Braaten-Moen, 739-0607.

• **S.D.A.**—Box 3840, Los Angeles, 90078. (213) 876-2076.
• **ZEN BUDDHIST GROUP**—Mon, 7pm, 925-0704, Brian.

Social

• **IF THE SHOE FITS**—Box 2030, Cameron Park, 95682. El Dorado Lesbian/Gay Network. Potluck 3rd Sat. 677-7834, 6263494.

Student

These student groups usually get together when classes are in session.

• **GAYS & LESBIANS AT ARC**—Thur 11am Dr. Johns. 484-8340.
• **CHICO STATE GAY/LESBIAN UNION**—CSU Chico, 95926.
• **GAYS & LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF SAC STATE**—(G.L.A.S.) CSUS, Gwen 648-8078.
• **GAYS & LESBIANS AT DAVIS**—433 Russell Blvd., Davis 95616. 753-2090 (24 hr. recording), 753-2195 (office hrs.).

Women

• **BOUND & DETERMINED**—Box 5953, 95817. Woman-to-woman S/M support, 2nd Fri. 8:30 pm.
• **CAMPING WOMEN**—Sac Chapter, Gail 689-9326. Camille 677-5902. Box 13261, 95813.
• **CSUS WOMEN'S CENTER**—6000 'J' St., 95819. 278-7388.
• **DAVIS WOMEN'S READING CIRCLE**—Meets last Thurs., Christine (916) 758-2875.
• **EL DORADO WOMEN'S CENTER**—3133 Gilmore Street, Placerville, CA 95667. 626-1450 or 626-1131.
• **FOOTHILLS ALTERNATIVE WOMEN'S NEWSLETTER**—(FAWN) Nevada. Placer, & El Dorado Co. (916) 272-6544 or (916) 265-9312.
• **FREE WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP**—every Wed. 7-8:30pm. Chemical Dependency Center, 1507, 21st Street, Ste. 100. Facilitator Claudia Boyd, 448-2951.
• **LEATHER AND LACE**—Motorcycle Club. Box 163044, 95816. 452-7467.
• **LESBIAN RIGHTS PROJECT**—1370 Mission St., SF 94103. Public interest law firm.
• **LESBIAN CRISIS LINE**—Mon-Fri 3-9 p.m. EST at 1-800-221-7044.
• **NAT'L ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN**—Box 1404, Sac. 95807.
• **NOW LESBIAN RIGHTS TASK FORCE**—331-5036, Kay, Lorraine.
• **SAC PULSE**—Women's Card Group, Gloria 368-1051.
• **SAC AREA CAREER WOMEN'S NETWORK**—Dinner Meetings 3rd Friday 6:30-9:30. 486-8985.
• **SAC TRADESWOMEN**—Supportive network of women in non-traditional work. Meets 2nd Fri each month. 456-5555.
• **SAC WOMEN'S CENTER**—2306 J St., #200. 441-4207.
• **SAC WOMEN'S CHORUS**—Mon. 6-8pm, Martie, 1-756-5658. 1-753-6022.
• **SOLANO COUNTY GAY INFO LINE**—Women Preferring Women. Women's support group. Vacaville 707/448-1010, 707/449-0550 Dathy, WPW, Box 9, Vacaville 95686.
• **SNOW WHITE CHAMPAGNE BALL**—December party for women. To be on mailing list write Linda Birner, 1725 L Street, 95814.
• **SPOKES WOMYN CYCLING CLUB**—P.O. Box 162784, Sac. 95816 447-6270/441-0967.
• **WOMEN CONNECTION**—For info send \$1 to Box 68, W. Sac. 95691.
• **WOMEN'S RAP GROUP AND SOCIAL**—Mondays, 7-9pm Lambda Center, 1931 L Street, Laura, 682-5481 Msg.
• **WOMEN'S HEALTH RESOURCE**—of Sutter Community Hospital, 733-3000.
• **WOMEN'S STRESS ALTERNATIVES**—448-2951.
• **YWCA**—1122-17th St., 95814. 442-4741.

Youth

• **CALIFORNIA RUNAWAY HOTLINE**—1-800-843-5200.
• **YOUTH CRISIS LINE**—Mon-Fri, 3-9pm EST at 1-800-221-7044. NGTF, 80 5th Ave., NY 1001.
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Bob Damron (1928-1989)

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Damron started with the "Red Raven" in the late 50s in Los Angeles before relocating to San Francisco where he opened "The Hideaway." He went on to create "The Rendezvous," "Febe's," "Alley Cat," "P.S.," "The Church Street Station," "Casa de Cristal," "Jackson's" and "Alfies." The last bar Damron opened was "The San Francisco Eagle," which remains an institution in that city.

After selling the gay guide business in 1987, he retired to Los Angeles and settled in the family home with his brother Norrie. Damron died of complications from AIDS.

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Pat Parker Poet/Writer

Pat Parker, 44, contemporary feminist/lesbian poet, died of breast cancer on June 17, 1989 in the San Francisco Bay area.

Since early 1970, Parker performed her poetry alone and in concert throughout the country. She was born to a black family in Houston, Texas, the youngest of eight children. She was a writer since childhood — loving the power and pleasure of words — written and spoken.

She is survived by her lover and her two adopted children. ■

...In Memoriam David Goodstein

On June 7, 1989, members of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy dedicated the Saddlepeak Scenic Overlook in Malibu to the memory of David Goodstein, founder of The Advocate, a national gay magazine.

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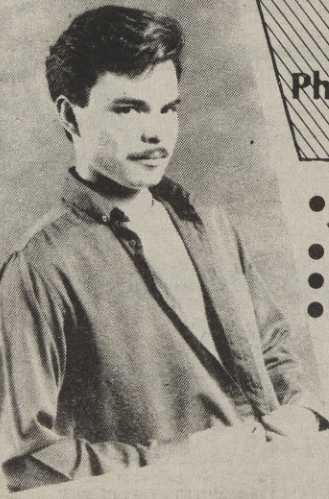


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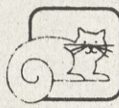
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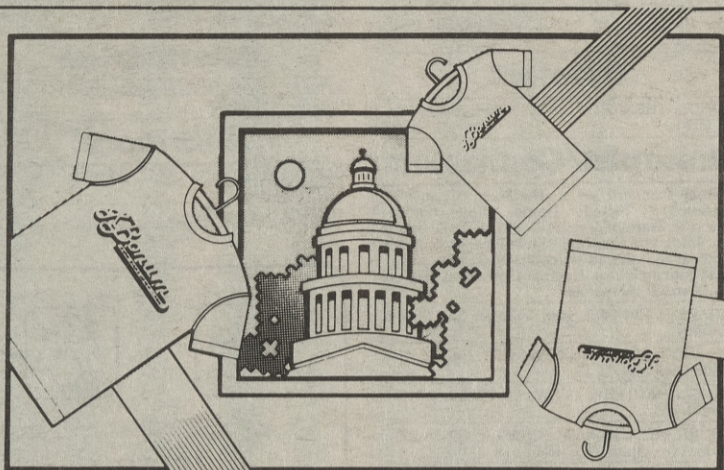
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domestic partner of seven years, to travel to Istanbul, Turkey.

TWA issued one ticket to Johnson, but denied the companion ticket claiming that Johnson's relationship with his domestic partner did not qualify for an award under TWA's rules. TWA provides companion tickets to "relatives," which it defines as "spouse, parents, children, brothers and sisters, grandparents, grandchildren, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, first cousins and their spouses, or in-laws." TWA's agent advised Johnson to claim his lover as his cousin, but Johnson refused to lie about his relationship.

Johnson said, "There is no rational reason for TWA to allow me to travel with my grandmother or cousin, but not with Bill, who has been my closest family member now for seven years. As consumers, I believe we must show TWA the strength of the lesbian and gay community's purchasing power by refusing to

travel on that airline until it changes its discriminatory policy."

According to Barry Skovgaard, the Lambda cooperating attorney who is handling the case, federal aviation law makes it illegal to unjustly or unduly discriminate against any person in air transportation.

The complaint also alleges that TWA has breached its contract with Johnson and discriminated against him on the basis of marital status. Lambda seeks a reimbursement of the purchase price of the ticket, \$100,000 in punitive damages, and a declaration that TWA's policy discriminates against lesbian, gay and unmarried couples.

"This case has the enormous potential of changing the policies of all businesses which give discount rates to married couples but not to others," said Paula Ettelbrick, Lambda's Legal Director. "Just as do married couples, lesbian and gay people most often share vacations, car

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This case is part of a major initiative by Lambda Legal Defense to gain greater recognition for lesbian and gay couples and their families. Lambda's Family Relationships Project has been involved in test case litigation and legal advocacy in the areas of housing, domestic partner employment benefits, and custody rights.

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However, he has agreed to refrain from distributing flyers with a "Do Not Shop At..." list. "They still haven't contacted me — I haven't talked to them. It's like a boxing match," Denman explained, "when you've got someone on the ropes, you don't let up, you keep the pressure on." Denman also said the options he outlined to the Human Rights Commission regarding apologies "are really the minimums. They can make a public apology to the gay community; terminate the disc jockey; put an ad in the gay newspapers with an apology and publicize a policy statement prohibiting such statements on the

air."

"In addition to that, I want some public service announcements made available to the gay community — just like other minority communities — we deserve it for putting up with this stuff for so long," Denman said.

"That radio station appeals to young listeners — while I was listening to Garrett's harangue, I remembered what it was like when I was 17 and scared with the knowledge that I was different....If I had heard the stuff he was saying at that time, 15 years ago, I'd have been scared to death, and who knows what could have happened," Denman said. "That's why the public service announcements are impor-

tant. The kid who is supermacho and wants to beat up on gays, needs to hear it's not right and the kid who is dealing with her or his other sexuality should know she or he has some rights...some dignity...they need to know they're all right...not faggots...not queers...just different," he said.

Denman said the final thing he'd like to see happen is just a fantasy. "I'm over 6 feet tall and 170 pounds — in good shape — I want to ride up to that station on my motorcycle, with my helmet, gloves and boots, and go in and meet this guy and see if he wants to call me a 'limp-wristed faggot' to my face." Denman may have to wait in line behind a whole lot of guys named Bruce. ■

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